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Pourakarmikas call off strike after govt. assurance

BENGALURU

Following written assurances from the State government about fulfilling their demands, pourakarmikas called off their strike on Monday. They were on a strike for four days demanding that the government regularise the services of pourakarmikas who are contractual workers and direct-payment system for drivers, loading and unloading staff.

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Orange alert in Kodagu; landslip near Madikeri

MYSURU

Orange alert has been declared in Kodagu as heavy rains continue to lash the coffee land causing a landslip near Madikeri and damaging 128 electricity poles in the last 24 hours.

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BJP set to roll out Mission Dakshin: Ravi

BENGALURU

BJP national general secretary C.T. Ravi on Monday said the party was gearing up to strengthen its position in the southern region of the country through "Mission Dakshin" programme.

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Shinde wins confidence vote

Says he and MLAs with him have not left the Shiv Sena

ALOK DESHPANDE
MUMBAI

After the new Maharashtra government won the trust vote in the Assembly on Monday, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde said he and the MLAs with him had not left the Shiv Sena and remained loyal to the party.

Mr. Shinde, without naming anyone, was countering former Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray, who had said that the new government was not of the Sena.

The government won the trust vote with 164 MLAs voting in favour and 99 against. Two NCP and seven Congress MLAs remained absent. Later, former Chief Minister Ashok Chavan and the other absentees said they had arrived late and the Assembly doors were closed for voting.

In his speech in the Assembly, Mr. Shinde said, "When the Maha Vikas Aghadi (the previous ruling coalition of the Sena, the Congress and the Nationalist Congress Party) was formed in 2019 and meetings were being held, all agreed on my name as the Chief Minister. Later, I was told by Ajit *dada* [NCP leader Ajit Pawar] that though the other two parties had no problem, it was the Sena that decided against my appointment."

New chapter: Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and his deputy, Devendra Fadnavis, along with MLAs, after a special session of the Assembly in Mumbai on Monday • PTI

He was replying to a discussion on the resolution moved by Deputy Chief Minister and BJP leader Devendra Fadnavis to congratulate him on winning the trust vote.

Hinting that he would now turn his attention towards the party organisation, Mr. Shinde said that once all the court battles were over, he would turn his focus to it.

"We [Shinde group MLAs] have maintained patience even after you called us names, threatened us, and attacked us. Do not forget that each of these 50 MLAs has supporters as well, but we won't let the blood of Sena workers spill on the road. But do not stretch us to the limit," he said.

Commenting on the warning of NCP leader Ajit Pawar that no leader who quits the Sena gets elected the next time, Mr. Shinde said he had not quit the party. "When these MLAs came with me, I decided that come what may, I will not let them down. I may end my political career, but will ensure that they get elected next time," he said.

'Invisible votes'

Mr. Fadnavis, while thanking all those who voted for the government, said he was grateful to those who remained "invisible" during the vote.

The trust vote victory brings to an end to the political drama that unfolded in Maharashtra since June 20.

Pointing to Mr. Fadnavis, the Chief Minister said he was the mastermind behind the rebellion.

Mr. Shinde left Mumbai on the night of June 20 with a group of MLAs for Surat and then flew to Guwahati, where they were stationed for 10 days. After the court directed a floor test, Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray resigned.

Revealing that after 2019, he was repeatedly approached by Sena MLAs to get the party snap ties with the Congress and the NCP, Mr. Shinde said he communicated the same to Mr. Thackeray at least five times. "We are not rebels. Betrayal is not in our blood," he said.

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Two senior bureaucrats arrested in separate cases

ADGP Amrit Paul held in PSI scam; ex-DC in corruption case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Two top bureaucrats were arrested on Monday in separate cases. Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Amrit Paul was arrested by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in connection with the police sub-inspectors (PSI) recruitment scam. He was heading the recruitment division when the scam broke out.

Hours after the arrest, the State government issued an order suspending Amrit Paul on Monday night. The government had transferred Paul to the Internal Security Division, replacing him with Kamal Pant, while probing his role. The CID officials have arrested over 60 persons, including the topper of the PSI exam. Paul will be in CID custody till July 13.

On the same day, former Deputy Commissioner of Bengaluru (Urban) J. Manjunath, who was shunted out last week, was arrested by Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) officials for his alleged involvement in a corruption case. The case pertains to the ACB arresting Deputy Tahsildar P.S. Mahesh and a court assistant Chetan Kumar, on May 22 while allegedly accepting a bribe of ₹5 lakh from an Anekal resident for an official favor in a land dispute case.

Though the landowner, Azam Khan, and Mahesh, in their statements, said that Mr. Manjunath had demanded the bribe, his name was not included in the FIR, which received flak from the High Court of Karnataka, following which Mr. Manjunath's name was added as an accused in the FIR.

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Faced threat after I questioned functioning of ACB: HC judge

Justice Sandesh seeks service record of ADGP

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Justice H.P. Sandesh, judge of the High Court of Karnataka, on Monday orally disclosed in the court hall that there was a "threat" to him after he raised questions about the functioning of the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB).

The judge revealed this during the hearing of a petition filed by Mahesh P.S, deputy tahsildar, who is an accused in the ₹5 lakh bribery case involving J. Manjunath, an IAS officer and the then Deputy Commissioner of Bengaluru Urban district.

Justice Sandesh, during earlier hearings of the petition last week, had questioned why ACB had not acted against Mr. Manjunath.

Though the judge neither disclosed the source from whom he received the threat nor the nature of threat, he asked ACB's counsel whether ACB's Additional Director-General of Police [Seemant Kumar Singh] was so powerful. However, Justice Sandesh revealed that another judge of the High Court came to him and told him that there was a threat from some person, who is said to have referred to an earlier incident of "transfer of a judge to another district"

Stating that he would not hesitate to disclose the name of the another judge, who had informed him about the threat in the written order, Justice Sandesh said that he had "no fear of transfer and he is committed to protecting the independence of the judiciary even at the cost of his judgeship".

'Vitamin M'

"I am here to protect the independence of the judiciary. I am not affiliated to any political party and also to any ideology of any political party. I am only affiliated to the Constitution of India...," he said while pointing out that the "State government and the ADGP are protecting corrupt public servants, all for 'vitamin M'..."

"First stop posting of officers by taking money, then everything will be fine," observed Justice Sandesh.

Describing the threat to him as nothing but "an attack on the institution of judiciary", Justice Sandesh said that he was not sitting as a judge to please anybody. He made it clear that "he will not go anywhere if he is transferred as he has land of his father to plough and earn his livelihood."

"I have not purchased any land after I became a judge... In fact, I have sold four acres of the land, which my father had, after I became a judge," he said while recalling how he had handled the corruption cases when he was serving as a district judge before his elevation to the High Court.

Justice Sandesh made these remarks after the ACB failed to submit the details like number of closure reports, number of search warrants taken from the trial courts and number of searches conducted, and acceptance of closure reports by the trial courts. "Search warrants are not executed, but used for *vasooli* (extortion)," he said.

Also, Justice Sandesh summoned the service record of Mr. Singh to verify his antecedents while orally asking whether Mr. Singh had not faced investigation by anti-corruption agencies of the Centre earlier.

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Congress moves against Rathore for doctored video

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

With BJP leaders refusing to apologise for sharing doctored videos of Rahul Gandhi, the Congress on Monday said a first information report (FIR) in Chhattisgarh and police complaints across six States had been filed against former Information and Broadcasting Minister and BJP leader Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore and Lok Sabha member Subrat Pathak.

Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore

On Saturday, All India Congress Committee general secretary Jairam Ramesh wrote to BJP president J.P. Nadda, asking the party to take action against its leaders for spreading fake news against Mr. Gandhi, and get the doctored video removed from their Twitter timelines and apologise.

However, even after 48 hours, Mr. Rathore had not removed the video, flagged by Twitter as out of context.

The video, in which Mr. Gandhi described those who attacked his Wayanad office as children and said he had no ill-will against them, was used by a news channel as the former Congress chief's comments on the killers of Udaipur tailor Kanhaiya Lal.

At a press conference with Supriya Shrinate, Pawan Khera of the Congress said the FIRs against Mr. Rathore, Mr. Pathak and three others were registered at Bilaspur on a complaint that the "doctored" video was aimed at disturbing communal harmony.

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'Dhyana Mandir to be built at Alluri birthplace'

PM attends his 125th birth anniversary fete

RAJULAPUDI SRINIVAS
BHIMAVARAM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said an Alluri Dhyana Mandir would be constructed at Mogallu, the birthplace of freedom fighter Alluri Sitarama Raju, in West Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh.

Mr. Modi, along with Governor Biswa Bhusan Harichandan, Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy and Union Minister for Tourism and Culture G. Kishan Reddy, kick-started the year-long 125th birth anniversary celebrations of *Manyam Veerudu* Alluri Sitarama Raju, here. The Prime Minister virtually unveiled the 30-foot bronze statue of Alluri Sitarama Raju at ASR Nagar.

Narendra Modi paying respects to an elderly person in Bhimavaram on Monday. • PTI

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Alt News gets back payment service

ABHINAV LAKSHMAN
NEW DELHI

After the Delhi Police on Saturday told a Delhi court that they were investigating alleged violations of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) by Alt News in their probe against co-founder Mohammed Zubair, Razorpay, the payments gateway, deactivated the fact-checking website's account on its platform for a day "as a safety precaution, while the investigation was ongoing".

Alt News has denied any violations of the FCRA.

A spokesperson for the payments gateway said the Alt News account had been reactivated on Monday evening "following clarity on the issue from the authorities".

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Hotels can't force customers to pay service charge: Centre

Guidelines say no such amount can be added to the bill

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) issued guidelines here on Monday asking hotels and restaurants not to collect service charge from customers. These establishments should not add service charge automatically or by default to the food bill, the guidelines say.

The guidelines, issued by Nidhi Khare, Chief Commissioner, CCPA, adds that if any consumer finds that a hotel or restaurant is violating the guidelines, he or she may make a request to remove the service charge from the bill amount or lodge a complaint with the National Consumer Helpline. Complaints can be filed with the Consumer Commission too or with the District Collector.

The National Consumer Helpline has got complaints against the levy. • ISTOCK

"No hotel or restaurant shall force a consumer to pay service charge and shall clearly inform the consumer that service charge is voluntary, optional and at consumer's discretion," the Consumer Affairs Ministry said in an official release. "No restriction on entry or provision of services based on collection of service charge shall be imposed on consumers. Service charge shall not be collected by adding it along with the food bill and levying GST on the total amount," the Ministry added.

The Ministry said the National Consumer Helpline (NCH) has received a number of complaints by consumers against levying of service charge. The guidelines added that component of service is inherent in the price of food and beverages offered by the restaurant or hotel.

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13 killed in Himachal bus accident

The private bus, which was on its way from Shainshar to Kullu, fell into a gorge

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHANDIGARH

At least 13 persons were killed and two injured on Monday after a bus they were travelling on skidded off the road and fell into a deep gorge near Shainshar in Sainj of Kullu district in Himachal Pradesh.

The private bus was on its way from Shainshar to Kullu, according to a government statement. The bus was ferrying some 15 persons.

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur visited the accident site to take stock of the situation and ordered a magisterial investigation to ascertain the cause of the accident.

The probe will be conducted by the Additional District Magistrate, Kullu.

The Chief Minister condoled the family members of the victims and assured them every possible assistance.

Relatives of victims mourning after the accident in which a private bus rolled off a cliff in Kullu on Monday. • ANI

The incident took place around 9.18 a.m., says a report by the State's Emergency Operation Centre.

The relief and rescue, conducted by the local administration and a team of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), has been completed and the injured have been sent to a local hospital at Kullu. Twelve of the 13 dead have been identified as Armina Tanu, 20, Anita Devi, 19, Khim Dasi, 45, Roshi Devi, 45, Parvati Devi, 40, Jhablu Devi, 32, Prem Chand, 52, Fathe Chand, 70, Sunil Kumar, 21, Amit Kumar Rajak, 22, Aaksh, 16 and Bin Maya, 30.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved an ex gratia of ₹2 lakh each from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund for the next of kin of those who have lost their lives in the accident.

The injured would be given ₹50,000 each, Mr. Modi said in a tweet.

"The bus accident in Kullu is heart-rending. In this tragic hour, my thoughts are with the bereaved families, I hope those injured recover at the earliest. The local administration is providing all possible assistance to those affected," Mr. Modi added.

Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur said that ₹5 lakh would be provided to the next of kin of the deceased whereas ₹15,000 would be provided as immediate relief to the injured persons. Besides, free treatment would also be provided to the injured.

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Spiralling inflation

78.6 In percentage, the inflation in Turkey in June, the highest in 24 years, according to official data released on Monday. But independent estimates published by Turkish economists showed prices rising at more than double that figure. The inflation rate reported by Turkey's state statistics agency was the highest since the currency meltdown in 1998. According to official data, the surge in inflation in June was driven by a jump of 123.4% in the cost of transportation and a 94% increase in non-alcoholic drinks. AFP

Windfall tax

12 In $ per barrel, the margin by which Reliance (RIL) will be hit due to the windfall taxes imposed by the government. The new levies will give the government up to ₹1.3 lakh crore additional revenue. In a surprise move, the government on July 1 increased import duties on gold, added export duties on petrol, ATF (aviation turbine fuel) and diesel and slapped a windfall tax on domestic crude production. Nomura said the windfall taxes could potentially impact RIL's gross refining margin by $12 per barrel (₹47,000 crore on an annualised basis). PTI

Locking down

1.7 In million, the number of people locked down in central Anhui province, where authorities reported nearly 300 new cases on Monday. The outbreak in Anhui — where officials first found hundreds of cases last week — comes as the Chinese economy begins to rebound from a severe lockdown in Shanghai and disruptive COVID restrictions in the capital Beijing. While cases remain low relative to China's vast population, officials insist that a zero-COVID policy is necessary to prevent a healthcare calamity. AFP

Record revenue

7 In $ billion, the highest ever revenue earned by Egypt's Suez Canal Authority (SCA). The income is over a fifth higher than the previous fiscal year's $5.8 billion in transit fees. Connecting the Red Sea and the Mediterranean, the canal accounts for roughly 10% of global maritime trade. It is also a source of foreign currency for Egypt, which is battling crippling inflation and a currency devaluation triggered by Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Earlier this year, the SCA reported the canal's highest annual revenue for a calendar year, netting $6.3 billion in 2021. AFP

Winning trust vote

164 The number of MLAs in the 288-member House who voted for the motion of confidence allowing the Eknath Shinde-led government a comfortable win. While 99 voted against it, three legislators abstained from voting, and 21 were absent. Ahead of the floor test, Sena MLA Santosh Bangar, from the Uddhav Thackeray camp, joined Mr. Shinde's faction, taking its tally to 40. On Sunday, Maharashtra Assembly Speaker Rahul Narvekar reinstated Eknath Shinde as the Shiv Sena legislature party leader. PTI

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EXPLAINER

Enforcing the single-use plastic ban

How will the Plastic Waste Management Amendment Rules be implemented? What has been the response to the move?

THE GIST

- A ban on the use of single-use plastics that was notified by the Union Environment Ministry on August 2021 came into effect on July 1 this year. A single-use plastic is an object made of plastic that is intended to be used "only once" before being disposed off or recycled.
- So far 32 States/UTs have reportedly constituted a dedicated Task Force to eliminate the use of single-use plastics.
- The All India Plastic Manufacturers Association said that the ban would shutter 88,000 units in the plastic manufacturing business. These employ close to a million people and contribute to exports worth ₹25,000 crore.

JACOB KOSHY

The story so far: A ban on the use of single-use plastics that was notified by the Union Environment Ministry on August 2021 came into effect on July 1 this year. The notification said national and State-level control rooms would be set up to check illegal manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of banned single use plastic items. The Plastic Waste Management Amendment Rules, 2021, will also prohibit manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of plastic carry bags having thickness less than 120 microns with effect from December 31, 2022.

What is single-use plastic?
The Centre defines it as an object made of plastic that is intended to be used "only once" before being disposed off or recycled. For the purposes of the ban, there is a list of 21 items that come under the definition of single-use plastic including ear buds with plastic sticks, plastic sticks for balloons, plastic flags, candy sticks, ice-cream sticks, thermocol for decoration, plates, cups, glasses, cutlery such as forks, spoons, knives, straw, trays, wrapping or packing films around sweet boxes, invitation cards, and cigarette packets, plastic or PVC banners less than 100 microns, stirrers.

Mineral water bottles or plastic bottles of aerated drinks are unaffected by the ban, though, in popular imagination, they are representative of 'plastic pollution.'

These objects were listed by the Environment Ministry in August when it notified the Plastic Waste Management Amendment Rules, 2021. Single-use plastic items such as these had "low utility and high littering potential," it noted. Plastic packaging waste, a major contributor to the much larger problem of plastic waste pollution, isn't yet covered under the phase-out of single-use plastic items. Mineral water bottles or plastic bottles of aerated drinks are unaffected by the ban, though, in popular imagination, they are representative of 'plastic pollution.'

How will the ban be implemented?
So far 32 States/UTs have reportedly constituted a dedicated Task Force to eliminate the use of single-use plastics. Of these 14 states/UTs and 12 Central Ministries, as of March, had developed action plans describing how they would be enforcing this.

A few States, for example Maharashtra, already have legislation banning the manufacture and storage of such plastic. But implementing it wasn't always successful as there was regular supply from States where such bans were not in force. An all-India ban, it's hoped, would make enforcement more effective.

According to the Environment Protection (EP) Act, violating the ban could invite "punitive action". Manufacturers and distributors of single-use plastic goods were directed to have zero inventory by June 30, according to officials in the Union Environment Ministry. The EP Act says that violating the ban could invite a five-year imprisonment and a fine of upto ₹1 lakh, or both. If the violations are repeated, it could mean additional fines up to ₹5000 for each day. There are different penalties for companies, organisations, and government departments under the EP Act.

What is the history of the single use plastic ban in India?
The Environment Ministry told the Rajya Sabha last July of its plan to phase out some categories of single use plastic by 2022. A draft outlining the manner in which the ban was to be implemented was issued in March and involved amending the Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016. Before the amendments came into force, the Plastic Waste Management Rules only prohibited the manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of carry bags and plastic sheets less than 50 microns in thickness in the country. There is a ban on sachets using plastic material used for storing, packing or selling gutkha, tobacco and pan masala. Since October 2021, there is a ban on the manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale and use of carry bags made of virgin or recycled plastic less than 75 microns as opposed to 50 microns under the earlier version of the rules. At the 4th United Nations Environment Assembly in 2019, India piloted a resolution on addressing single-use plastic products pollution.

Is there popular support for the ban?
The All India Plastic Manufacturers Association has said that the ban would shutter 88,000 units in the plastic manufacturing business. These employ close to a million people and contribute to exports worth ₹25,000 crore. Fast Moving Consumer Goods companies (FMCG) would be severely affected by the the ban due to their dependence on plastic straws, plates. Their replacements, industry representatives say, are available but cost much more than their plastic alternatives. There is also limited capacity in India to provide biodegradable replacements. Average and prominent consumer goods companies have written to the government requesting a six-month extension before the ban takes effect and that companies that are likely to go out of business be compensated. The government has, however, signalled its firm commitment to the ban. Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav said the government had multiple consultations with the industry since 2018. Stakeholders had nearly a year to find alternatives to the use of such plastic and that industries should work to introduce new technologies and alternatives to preserve livelihoods of those who worked in plastic manufacturing industries, he added.

Complete overhaul: The government has banned the manufacture, import, stocking, distribution, sale, and use of all identified single-use plastic items with effect from July 1. • PTI

What is the environmental damage from single-use plastic?
Unlike thicker and denser plastic material, single-use plastic objects being light and flexible are less amenable to being recycled. While 99% of plastic is recycled, they constitute heavier plastics that are likely to be collected by ragpickers and plastic waste recyclers. Single use plastics do not provide an incentive enough for the effort needed to collect them and hence they lie around, leach their toxins into the soil and cause environmental damage in both land and sea.

EXPLAINER

The need for space sustainability

How does orbital crowding, space debris work against the sustainability of outer space? What is the U.K.'s Astro Carta model?

THE GIST

- As the outer space is considered a shared natural resource, the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) in 2019 adopted a set of 21 voluntary, non-binding guidelines to ensure the long-term sustainability of outer space activities.
- The U.K. Space Sustainability plan mentions four primary elements: to review the regulatory framework of the U.K.'s orbital activity; to emphasise international engagement on space sustainability; to try and develop safety and quality-related metrics that quantify the sustainability of activities; and, to induce additional funding for active debris removal.
- The ISRO has initiated 'Project NETRA' to monitor space debris. The domestic surveillance system would provide first-hand information on the status of debris, which would aid further planning on protecting space assets.

HARINI MADHUSUDAN

The story so far: On June 23, the U.K. hosted the fourth summit for Space Sustainability in London in collaboration with the Secure World Foundation. In line with the ambitious U.K. National Space Strategy, George Freeman, the Minister of Science, announced a new 'Plan for Space Sustainability.' According to him, this plan aims to "set a global commercial framework for the insurability, the licensing and the regulation of commercial satellites." It also aims to reduce the cost for those who comply with the best sustainability standards and thus encourages a thriving ecosystem for the industry.

What does sustainability in outer space mean?
The earth's orbital environment has more than tripled in the past decade. As the cost of missions reduce and the number of players increase, the complexity of missions and slot allotment issues also increase. With the emergence of large constellations and complex satellites, there is a risk of collisions and interference with radio frequencies. As the outer space is considered a shared natural resource, the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) in 2019 adopted a set of 21 voluntary, non-binding guidelines to ensure the long-term sustainability of outer space activities.

One of the hot issues when it comes to space sustainability is orbital crowding. It poses a direct threat to the operations and safety of a mission and is likely to cause legal and insurance-related conflicts. Space debris is another prominent issue. After the completion of a mission, an 'end-of-life protocol' requires space objects to be moved to the graveyard orbit or to a low altitude. Neither of the options are sustainable in the long run. Other causes of concern are solar and magnetic storms which potentially damage communication systems. Such space weather threats need to be addressed along with the efforts to identify the terrestrial carbon footprint of outer space missions.

Long-term sustainability looks toward space research and development of technology to ensure the reuse and recycling of satellites at every stage. The U.K. plan proposes active debris removal and in-orbit servicing.

What does the U.K. plan for space sustainability entail?
The U.K. calls for an "Astro Carta" for space sustainability, based on the Artemis Accords model for sustainable space exploration. The U.K. Space Sustainability plan mentions four primary elements: to review the regulatory framework of the U.K.'s orbital activity; to work with organisations such as the G-7 and the UN to emphasise international engagement on space sustainability; to try and develop safety and quality-related metrics that quantify the sustainability of activities; and, to induce additional funding of $6.1 million on active debris removal. The U.K. also confirmed investments in its National Space Surveillance and Tracking Programme, which works on collision

assessment services for U.K.-licenced satellite operators.

Post-Brexit, the U.K. space programme has been transformed. It now hopes to drive the sustainability factor internationally and provide an opportunity for the private sector to develop models that enhance operations' safety and reduce debris footprint. The U.K. aims to draw investments not only from government investors but also from others.

Where does India stand on space sustainability?
The headquarters of the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (In-SPACe) was formally inaugurated last month. One can expect an increased role of the private sector in India's space activities. India hosts promising start-ups like Agnikul and Skyroot, which are developing launch vehicles for small payloads and Dhruva Space, which works on high-tech solar panels for satellites and satellite deployers. India is well on its way to create a subsystem that addresses global sustainability questions.

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has initiated 'Project NETRA' to monitor space debris. The domestic surveillance system would provide first-hand information on the status of debris, which would aid further planning on protecting space assets. In April 2022, India and the U.S. signed a new pact for monitoring space objects at the 2+2 dialogue. The controlled anti-satellite weapons (ASAT) tests and the risk of collisions must be collectively addressed.

To provide in-orbit servicing, ISRO is developing a docking experiment called 'SPADEX'. It looks at docking a satellite on an existing satellite, offering support in re-fuelling and other in-orbit services while enhancing the capability of a satellite. According to Professor P. G. Diwakar at NIAS Bangalore, this would not only ensure the longevity of a mission but would also provide a futuristic option to combine missions/experiments.

What next?
Outer space in the 2020s can no longer be considered a 'space race' because of the cost, when compared to the beginning of this century. Today, any entity (government or private) with the necessary access to resources and technology can invest in outer space. Sustainable practices in outer space would directly help reduce orbital crowding and collision risk while nurturing future technologies. As the natural course of evolution, the Plan for Space Sustainability, which includes private industries, is a timely move. This would serve as a model for other space programmes.

However, the broad question of sustainability cannot be driven by one country/entity alone. While most National Space Programs set sustainability standards, a collective effort by all space players, with the active role of the UN COPUOS or the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA), is needed to set equitable standards for the ease of activities. Many of the measures for sustainability are resource-consuming and expensive for medium-and-small space programs. In this case, private initiatives of sustainability standards would make accessibility more challenging, giving undue advantage to programs with stable investments.

The UK's Astro Carta idea throws light on the need for addressing the principles and rules that guide the activities of entities in outer space. More clarity is required to know the exact framework and guiding principles of the Astro Carta to determine the path it intends to take. India has always emphasised cost-effective and efficient missions with problem-solving applications. Its debris footprint is minuscule; it has 114 debris among the 25,182 pieces, of sizes larger than 10 cm, in the lower earth orbits. The emerging private sector could be encouraged with a set of sustainability guidelines to ensure optimum utilisation of resources and increase the safety and productivity of missions.

The author is a doctoral scholar at the National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS), Bengaluru

Pourakarmikas call off strike after State govt. assurance

They were seeking regularisation of services of contractual workers

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Following written assurances from the State government about fulfilling their demands, pourakarmikas called off their strike on Monday. They were on a strike for four days demanding that the government regularise the services of pourakarmikas who are contractual workers and direct-payment system for drivers, loading and unloading staff.

A revised letter on the decisions taken by the State government, signed by the Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister N. Manjunath Prasad, states that the government has in principle approved the regularisation of the services of pourakarmikas.

Uncleared garbage on Thotadappa Road in Bengaluru on Monday. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

Committee report

The letter added that the government will form a committee comprising higher officials and representatives from the Karnataka State Safai Karamchari Development Corporation, union leaders, and others. The committee will submit a report within three months. Based on the report of the committee, the regularisation process will be initiated in three months, it said. The letter also states that barring BBMP limits, the contract system will be abolished in a phased manner without affecting waste management work. On July 1, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai held a meeting with officials and representatives of the pourakarmikas.

The pourkarmikas had demanded that the State government should come out with an written assurance on their demands. Leaders of the pourakarmikas had said the first letter received from the government on July 2 was not convincing and lacked clarity, forcing them to continue the strike. On Monday, the government issued a revised letter on the minutes of the meeting headed by the CM.

Other assurances given by the government include housing scheme for pourakarmikas, a scholarship programme for their children on the lines of Raitha Vidhyanidhi scheme, maternity leave for pourakarmikas, and resting rooms in each ward.

Prominent demands

Union leader Clifton D' Rozario said, "Pourkarmikas across the State participated in the strike. Our prominent demands were regularising the services of pourakarmikas and bringing drivers and other helpers under a direct-pay system. During our meeting with the CM, in principle the government had agreed to our demands, but when we received a letter on the proceedings, these points were missing. So, we had to continue the strike. In the revised letter on the proceedings, assurances given by the CM have been added."

"Regularisation of services will help 26,000 pourakarmikas across the State. Barring BBMP, the government has also agreed to bring helpers and drivers under the direct-pay system. Based on the assurance given by the government, we have called off the strike," he added.

In Bengaluru, vehicles and helpers are provided by contractors of the BBMP, whereas in other municipal bodies vehicles are owned by the respective bodies. He also said as per the officials' response, bringing helpers and drivers under direct payment system does not face technical issues in other cities.

Maitreyi Krishnan, BBMP Guttridge Pourakarmikara Sangha, said the committee will also look into implementation of 'equal pay for equal work' for the workers and the Legislative Assembly will propose a special law in the upcoming session.

"While auto drivers, helpers and loaders will be brought under the direct-payment system in all other districts of Karnataka in a phased manner, those in BBMP will continue to remain under the exploitative sham contract system. Our union will continue to fight against illegal and exploitative contract system and will continue to strive towards ensuring rights and dignity for all," she said.

Roadside tree falls in BTM Layout, leaving seven injured

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Seven persons, including two women and a child, were injured when a huge roadside tree fell trapping people passing by near Taverekere junction in BTM Layout on Sunday evening.

The entire incident was caught on CCTV camera. Passers-by rushed to the spot and shifted the injured to a near-by private hospital. The tree also fell on an electricity transformer, causing disruption in power supply for some time. There are no casualties, a police officer said.

A Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike official said what fell was a part of a 35-year-old banyan tree due to a heavy gust of wind.

While the police put the number of injured at seven, the BBMP official said two people were injured, one of them a minor; and both have been discharged from OPD.

A video grab of the tree that fell on pedestrians in Bengaluru on Monday.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public are hereby notified that our client Sri. Ganesh S/o Sri. Channappa has lost original Hakka Patra Dated 12.07.1986, pertaining to the Eastern Portion of Site No. 11, Property No. 1115/486/11, situated at Jigani Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, measuring East to West 15 Feet and North to South 30 Feet, totally measuring 450 square feet and bounded on the East by: Site No. 10, West by: Remaining portion of same property North by: Property belonging to Rajamma, South by: Road. In this regard a Police Complaint dated 29.06.2022 has been filed/lodged by our client with Karnataka State Police in Lost Report No.352/2022. If any person/s finds the said document kindly inform the advocate stated herein. If any person/s misuses the said document, the same is not binding on our clients and they shall do so at their own risk.

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-560 043. Contact : 9845046428

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/38/2022 dated 28.06.2022

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites Tender for the following works:

Name of the work	Approx. Value
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Last date for submission of bids: Upto 15.00 Hrs. on 20-07-2022

Corrigendum to Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/35/2022 dated: 21.06.2022

The date of closing of Sl. No. 1 of Tender Notice No. CAO/CN/BNC/35/2022 dated 21-06-2022 may be read as 25-07-2022 instead of 13-07-2022. All other conditions remains unchanged.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given to the public at large that our client intends to purchase the immovable property mentioned in the Schedule hereunder from the present owner Mr. Tejinder Singh Wahra. He has represented that he is an absolute owner of the schedule property and he has not entered into any agreement of sale or any sort of arrangement with any persons and apart from him there are no other person/s having any sort of right, title, interest or claim over the schedule property.

Any person or persons asserting any charge, lien, right, title, agreement, interest or claim on the Schedule Property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim against the Schedule property or the documents thereof or against the owner or objection to such sale in favour of our client should lodge his/her/their/its objections or claims with supporting documents to the undersigned within 10 days of the issuance of this public notice, after that our client shall proceed with the purchase of the schedule property on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the schedule property.

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All that piece and parcel of Site No.1127, BBMP Katha No.1104, in the layout formed by Aircraft Employees Co-operative Society Limited formed in Sy Nos.115/1, 116 to 121, 122/1 and 122/2, 124/1, 3-125 and 131/1, 3, of Kandalahalli Village and Sy No.39 to 43 of Chinnappanahalli Village, K.R.Puram Hobli and Sy Nos. 8 and 73 of Tubarahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore Bangalore East Taluk. Now coming under the purview of BBMP ward No.184, admeasuring East to West 42 Feet and North to South 60 Feet in all measuring 2520 Square Feet together with residential house constructed thereon and bounded on the;

East by : Site No. 1128
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C.V.Nagendra, Advocate
SNS Law Associates
No. 101, 1st Floor, No. 663, 3rd Cross, Opp to Karnataka Bank, Kumbara Street, K.R. Pura, Bangalore-560036.
Bangalore Date : 05-07-2022

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

E-Auction No. MYS-OOH-HAS-24, MYS-OOH-KRNR-27, MYS-ATM-1, MYS-SLR-F1-1 & MYS-OOH-SBHR-28

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites Bidders to participate in E-Auctions for contracts of advertisement display in OOH areas, installation of ATMs and leasing of brake vans (SLR) scheduled from 12.07.2022 to 15.07.2022.

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3	MYS-ATM-1	ATM	14.07.2022 & 11.00 Hrs.
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'620 transformers shifted from footpaths in city'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Ltd. (Bescom) on Monday told the High Court of Karnataka that 620 transformers, of the around 2,587 currently on footpaths in the city zone, have already been shifted or converted into special design transformer centres.

A statement in this regard was submitted before a Division Bench comprising acting Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice J.M. Khazi during the hearing on a PIL petition filed by G.B. Athri, retired Wing Commander of the Air Force.

It had been pointed out that Bescom had set a target of shifting or converting 827 transformers in two months and already 620 have been shifted or converted. Bescom had already given an undertaking to the court that it would shift such transformers in a phased manner.

A file photo of transformers on a footpath in Banashanakari 3rd Stage.

Bescom had taken up the project of shifting the transformers based on a decision by a joint coordination committee, comprising officials of Bescom and the Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike based on directions issued by the court last year. The court directed the authorities to identify transformers on footpath that may pose danger to the lives of the public and shift them to safe locations or convert them into special design transformer centres.

Road decongestion: One more round of inspection to be held

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chiefs of civic agencies in the city will carry out one more round inspection of traffic junctions in the city this week to come up with decongestion measures.

Chief Commissioner of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) Tushar Giri Nath told the media that in the next inspection on July 7, the officials will chalk out plans to decongest junctions such as Iblur, Central Silk Board, Sarakki, and Jayadeva.

On the action taken after the previous inspection at Hebbal, Goraguntepalya, and Tin Factory, he said as short-term measures, the police kiosk at Goraguntepalya has been removed to ease the traffic flow.

At Hebbal Junction, a barricade has been built for buses that come on the service road and take the ramp under the flyover. Buses will stopped near the ramp in the future, he said, adding that instructions have been given to the officials concerned to put up sign boards.

At Tin Factory, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has been asked to tar the road near the bus stops.

The other junctions identified for decongestion are K.S. Layout, RR-MR Junction, and Kadubeesanahalli.

The official said that measures are in place to fix the waterlogging problems at places identified by the police.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, Bi Bi Sara Seema W/o Usman Sharief residing at No.20/1, Teachers Layout, 1st Main, Hommadevanahalli, Bengaluru-560083 have changed my name to Bibi Sara Sheema vide affidavit dated 04-07-2022 before N.Nagappa, Notary, Bengaluru.

I, VARUN SHANBHAG S/o Vasant Madhav Shanbhag R/o No.46, Ground Floor, 2nd Cross, 2nd Main, SP Naidu Layout, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore-560016, have changed my name to VARUN V SHANBHAG vide affidavit dated 02-07-2022 before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar at Bangalore.

I, KM (KU MARI) Suraiya W/o Umar Farooq residing at No.17, Andree Road, Shanthi Nagar, Wilson Garden, Bengaluru-560027, Karnataka, have changed my name to Suraiya Iqbal vide affidavit dated 04-07-2022 before N. Nagappa, Notary, Bengaluru.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

I AM L CHIKKAMUDDAIAH, S/o. Lakshmaiah, # 16, 1st Cross, Opp RMC Market, T B Circle, Doddabalapur Town, Bangalore Rural. I have lost my two original documents at T B Circle Bus Stop Doddabalapur Town, I have raised an lost complaint on dated 24/06/2022, bearing FIR No. PO0263220600340, and if registered two Sale Deeds a) document No. 1334/87-88, dated 08/12/1987 stands in the name of K S VINOD KUMAR, and b) document No. 2047/98-99, dated 15/12/1998, stands in the name of PUTTANNA registered at Doddaballapur Sub Registrar, if anyone found the document Please contact Mobile No. 8861354479.

LEGAL NOTICE

FORM NO. 1-A
Summons/Notice for service by advertisement in newspaper (Order 5 Rule 20 of CPC)
IN THE COURT OF 72nd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT MAYO HALL, BANGALORE. (CCH 73)
O.S. No. 25526 of 2021
Plaintiff :
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd., Having its Regd. Off. at Mytree Centre, No.4, 101, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068. Reptd. By its Debt Collection Manager : Sri. Santosh A Kulkarni, S/o. Sri. Anant K. Kulkarni
Defendant :
Mr. Renuka G.L, Aged about 36 years, S/o. Mr. Laxmaiah Residing at No. 8, Manjula Lokesh Nilaya, Gejjgadhalli Road, Dasanapura, Vijayshankar Shanti, Bangalore- 560123.
WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs. 3,32,535/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Five Hundred and Thirty Five Only), you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by pleader on the 30th day of July 2022 to answer the same, failing which the suit/ application will be disposed of ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on 30.06.2022.
By Order of the Hon. Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo hall unit, Bangalore.
ALTAF HASAN, Advocate, #60, G-3, M.M. Complex, Tasker Town, Chikka Bazaar Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560051

FORM NO. 1-A
Summons/ Notice for service by advertisement in newspaper (Order 5 Rule 20 of CPC)
IN THE COURT OF 72nd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE, MAYO HALL- CCH-73.
O.S. No. 25007 of 2022
Plaintiff :
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd., Having its Regd. Off. at Mytree Centre, No. 4, 101, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068. Reptd. By its Debt Collection Manager : Sri. Pramodh. G, S/o. Gurumallappa. B
Defendant :
Mr. Madan Kumar. R, S/o. Mr. Raju Aged about 26 years Residing at No. 14/133, Divya D, 1st Floor, 9th Cross, Kempegowda Nagar, Bidarahalli, Magadi Main Road, Bangalore- 560 076.
WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit/ an application against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs. 5,28,396/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Twenty Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Six Only) together with future interest at 10.99%, you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by pleader on the 03rd day of August 2022 to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on 30.06.2022
By Order of The Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore
ALTAF HASAN, Advocate, No. 60, G-3, Ground Floor, M.M. Complex, Chikka Bazaar Street, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore- 051;

IN THE COURT OF THE X ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-26)
O.S NO. 6852/2021
Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at : Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara-390007, having its branch office at : 4/10, Mythree tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru- 560068 through its Authorised representative. Mr. Rohith Ali M. ...Plaintiff
And
Mr. Krishna Prasad N ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC
Defendant :
Mr. Krishna Prasad N, S/o. Nagaraj Naik, Aged about 25 Years, Residing at #9/1, 3rd Cross, Kempe Gowda Layout, Near Raghavendra Hospital, Bengaluru-560057
Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs. 9,54,428.48/- along with interest at the rate of 15% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the X Addl. City Civil & Sessions, Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H-26), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 28/07/2022 at 11:00 AM to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 29th day of June 2022 at Bangalore.
By order of the Court Assistant Registrar, Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bengaluru
Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar Vidhii Partners, Advocates, No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', #3, Queens Road, Bengaluru- 01.

FORM NO. 1-A
Summons/ Notice for service by advertisement in newspaper (Order 5 Rule 20 of CPC)
IN THE COURT OF 72nd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE, MAYO HALL- CCH-73.
O.S.No. 25006 of 2022
Plaintiff :
M/s.ICICI Bank Ltd., Having its Regd. Off. at Mytree Centre, No.4, 101, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068. Reptd. By its Debt Collection Manager: Sri. Pramodh. G, S/o. Gurumallappa. B
Defendant :
Mr. Sam T. Joy, S/o. Mr. Manikuttan, Aged about 26 years, Residing at No. 28/197, Somasundara Palya, HSR Layout, Sector 2, Next to Chinmaya Vidyala Mandir, Bangalore.
WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit /an application against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs. 5,51,473/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Fifty One Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Three Only) together with future interest at 10.99%, you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by pleader on the 3rd day of August 2022 to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on 30-06-2022
By Order of the Hon. Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore
ALTAF HASAN, Advocate, No. 60, G-3, Ground Floor, M.M.Complex, Chikka Bazaar Street, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-051; 9902928290 / 7892117565

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 57th ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BANGALORE. (CCH-58)
O.S. No. 25365 of 2021
Plaintiff :
M/s.ICICI Bank Ltd; Having its Regd. off at Mytree Centre, No.4, 101 Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068. Reptd. By its Manager : Sri. Pramodh.G, S/o. Gurumallappa.B
V/s.
Defendant:
Mr. Venkatesh Murthy,
(Summons to Defendant)
Mr. Venkatesh Murthy Aged about 32 years, S/o. Mr. Beere Gowda Residing at No. 126, 7th Main, Devasandra, JC Layout, Bangalore- 560032.
WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs.5,23,631/- (Rupees Five Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty One Only) together with future interest at 13.25% p.a. you are hereby summoned to appear in the court of the 57th Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bangalore in person or by pleader on the 4th day of August, 2022 to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on 17.06.2022
By Order of the Hon. Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo hall unit, Bangalore.
ALTAF HASAN, Advocate, R.No.474/1993, #60, G-3, M.M. Complex, Chikka Bazaar Road, Tasker Town Shivajinagar, Bangalore-560051

FORM NO. 1-A
Summons/ Notice for service by advertisement in newspaper (Order 5 Rule 20 of CPC)
IN THE COURT OF 72ND ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL, AT BANGALORE. (CCH-73)
O.S. No. 25380 of 2022
Plaintiff:
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd., Having its Regd. Off. at Mytree Centre, No.4, 101 Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068. Reptd. By its Debt Collection Manager: Sri. Pramodh.G, S/o. Gurumallappa. B
Defendant:
Mr. Devi Punya Sarala Boreddy, Aged about 38 Years S/o. Gangy Reddy Boreddy, R/at No. 71, Muniswara Layout, 6th Cross, Ayyappa Nagar, KR Puram, Bangalore- 560 036.
WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs. 6,71,432/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Seventy One Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty Two Only) together with future interest at 11.49%, P.a. you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by pleader on the 29th day of July 2022 to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on 30.06.2022
By order of the Hon. Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit Bangalore.
ALTAF HASAN, Advocate for Plaintiff, #60, G-3, M.M. Complex, Tasker Town, Chikka Bazaar Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore- 560051

FORM NO. 1-A
Summons/ Notice for service by advertisement in newspaper (Order 5 Rule 20 of CPC)
IN THE COURT OF 72ND ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, AT MAYO HALL, BANGALORE. (CCH-73)
O.S. No. 25701 of 2022
Plaintiff:
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd., Having its Regd. Off. at Mytree Centre, No.4, 101, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068. Reptd. By its Manager : Sri.Pramod.G, S/o. Gurumallappa.B.
Defendant :
Mr. Syed Sameer Sanaulla, Aged about 41 years, S/o. Mr. Mohammed Rashid Sanaulla, Residing At No. 46/1, 5th Cross, Rahamath Nagar, R.T. Nagar, Near Empire Hotel, Bangalore- 560 032.
WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs. 8,32,647/- (Rupees Eight Lakhs Thirty Two Thousand Six Hundred and Forty Seven Only) together with future interest at 11.99%, P.a. you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by pleader on the 3rd day of August, 2022 to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on 30.06.2022.
By order of the Hon. Court Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore.
ALTAF HASAN, Advocate for Plaintiff, #60, G-3, M.M. Complex, Tasker Town, Chikka Bazaar Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore- 560051

FORM NO. 1-A
Summons, Notice for service by advertisement in newspaper (Order 5 Rule 20 of CPC)
IN THE COURT OF 72nd ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT MAYO HALL, BANGALORE (CCH-73)
O.S. No. 25536 of 2021
Plaintiff :
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd., Having its Regd. Off. at Mytree Centre, No. 4, 101, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068. Reptd. By its Manager : Sri. Pramodh. G, S/o. Gurumallappa B.
Defendant :
Mr. Santhosh Kumar Shetty, Aged about 37 years, S/o. Mr. Narayana Shetty Residing at No. 3683, Ground Floor, 13th 'E' Main, 8th Cross, Indiranagar, Bangalore- 560038.
WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs. 6,07,191/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Seven Thousand One Hundred and Ninety One) together with future interest at 14.99% p.a. you are hereby summoned to appear in this court in person or by pleader on the 30th day of July 2022 to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on 30.06.2022
By Order of The Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore
ALTAF HASAN, Advocate, No. 60, G-3, Ground Floor, M.M. Complex, Chikka Bazaar Street, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore- 051;

IN THE COURT OF THE XX ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-32)
O.S. NO. 6282/2021
Between :
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at : Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara-390007, having its branch office at: 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru- 560068 through its Authorised representative. Mr. Rohith Ali M ...Plaintiff
And
Mr. Mritunjoy Khelari, ...Defendant
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC
Defendant :
1. Mr Mritunjoy Khelari, S/o. Sudhir Khelari, Aged about 44 Years, R/at Door No.487/21, Kumar Layout, Attibele, Anekal Road, Near Shiva Temple, Bengaluru-562 107.
Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs. 5,59,744/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the XX Addl. City Civil & Sessions, Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H-32), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 01/08/2022 at 11:00 AM to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 27th day of June 2022 at Bangalore.
By order of Court Assistant Registrar, Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bengaluru
Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar Vidhii Partners, Advocates, No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', #3 Queens Road, Bengaluru- 01.

Before The 72nd Addl. City Civil & Sessions Court, Mayo Hall, Bangalore. (CCH-73)
O.S. No. 25682 of 2022
Plaintiff :
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd., Having its Regd. Off. at Mytree Centre, No. 4, 101, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068. Reptd. By its Debt Collection Manager : Sri. Pramodh. G, S/o. Gurumallappa. B
Defendant :
Mr. J.K. Narasimhamurthy, Aged about 34 years, S/o. Mr. Krishnappa Residing At No. 791, 4th Main, 11th 'B' Cross, AEG Layout, Chikkasandra, Sapthagire Hospital, Bangalore- 560090.
NOTICE TO DEFENDANT
WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs. 5,12,304/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Twelve Thousand Three Hundred and Four Only) together with future interest at 13.25% P.A. you are hereby summoned to appear in the Court of the Addl. City Civil & Sessions Court (CCH-73), Mayo Hall, Bangalore, in person or by pleader on the 19th day of July, 2022 to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.
Given under my hand and seal of this court on 30.06.2022
By Order of The Court, Deputy Registrar, City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore
SD/-
ALTAF HASAN, Advocate for Plaintiff, No. 60, G-3, Ground Floor, M.M. Complex, Chikka Bazaar Street, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore- 051;

PERSONAL

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Chief Mechanical Engineer

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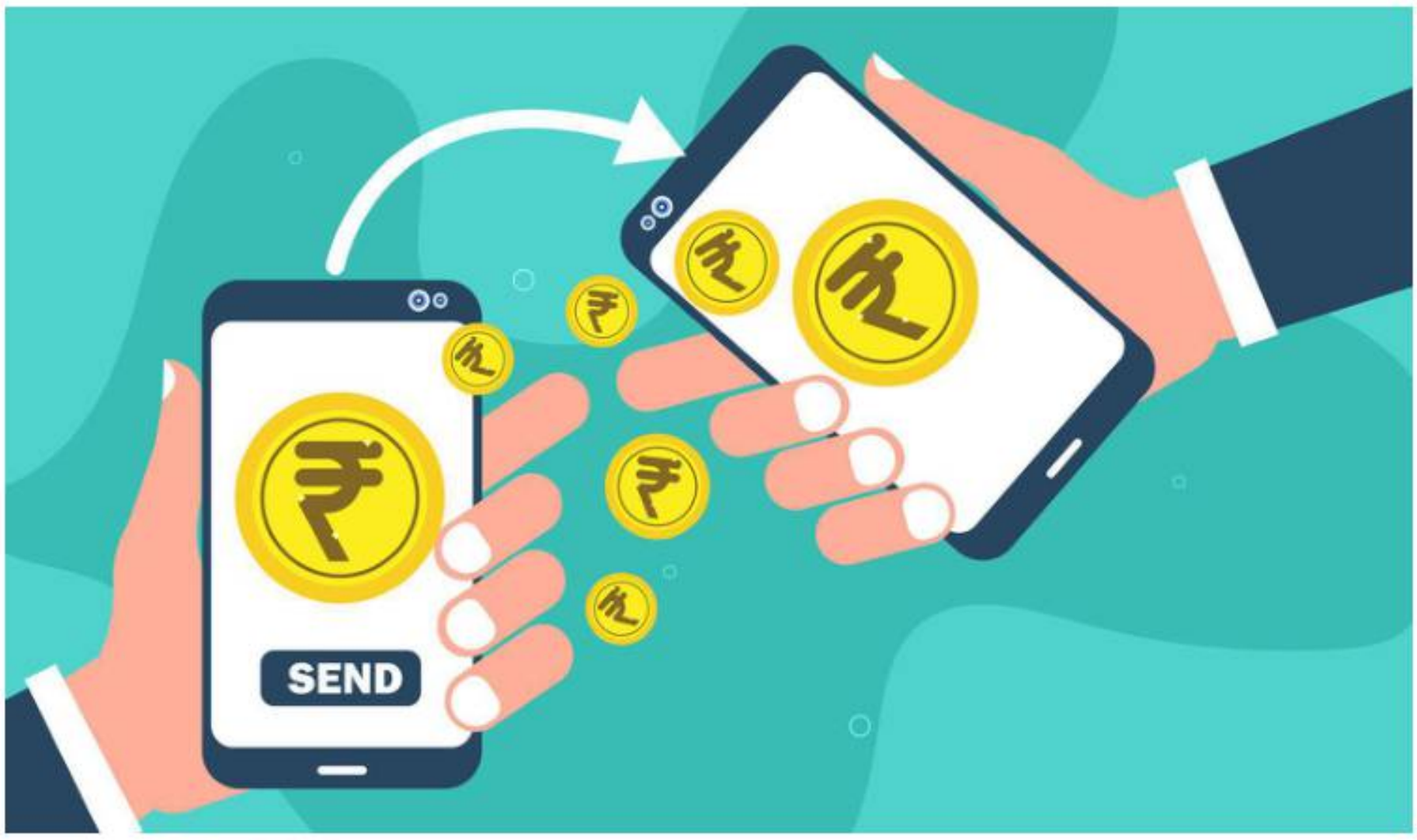
TAKE NOTICE THAT on behalf of our clients, we are investigating the title of MSC International Import Export Pvt. Ltd., a private limited company having its address at No. 6E, First Floor, Puttappa Industrial Estate, Deenanjalnagar, Gali Anjaneya Temple, Mysore Road Bangalore - 560039, Karnataka, in respect of land bearing Plot no. 290-Part admeasuring 7563 sq. mtrs. of Harohalli 2nd Phase Industrial Area situated at Survey No. Parts of 707 and 781 within the limits of Harohalli, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakpura Taluk, Ramanagara District, Karnataka, more particularly described in the Schedule written hereunder alongwith building structures thereon (hereinafter referred to as 'the said property').
Any person having any share, right, title, benefit, interest, claim, objection and/or demand in respect of the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, transfer, exchange, assignment, mortgage, charge, gift, trust, muniment, inheritance, occupation, possession, tenancy, sub-tenancy, leave and license, license, care-taker basis, lease, sub-lease, lien, maintenance, easement, covenant, release, relinquishment, grant, or any other method through any agreement, deed, document, writing, conveyance deed, devise, bequest, succession, family arrangement/ settlement, memorandum of understanding, litigation, decree or court order of any court of Law, contracts/ agreements or encumbrance or otherwise howsoever are hereby requested to make the same known in writing to the undersigned within 7 (seven) days from the date of publication of this notice of such claim/s, if any, with all supporting documents, failing which the claim, demand, right, title, interest, dispute, or objection, if any, of such person shall be treated as waived/ abandoned and not binding on our clients.
SCHEDULE
ALL THAT piece and parcel of land bearing Plot no. 290-Part admeasuring 7563 sq. mtrs. of Harohalli 2nd Phase Industrial Area situated at Survey No. Parts of 707 and 781 within the limits of Harohalli, Harohalli Hobli, Kanakpura Taluk, Ramanagara District, in the State of Karnataka and bounded as under:
North : Tank Buffer Zone
South : 18M Wide Road No. 2
East : Plot no. 291
West : Plot no. 290 (part)
Dated this 5th day of July 2022
NEHA SEHGAL
PARTNER
UNIVERSAL LEGAL
161/162, A wing, Mittal Court, Jamnalal Bajaj Marg, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400 021



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UPI: the dawn of digital fintech nirvana

This virtual payment interface is an Indian technological success story, one which enables us to move around with an empty pocket barring a smartphone

THE GIST

- The UPI was launched in 2016 and is operated by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). It operates on top of the Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) which was created by the NPCI for immediate fund transfers.
- The primary reason for the popularity of UPI is that it accepts transactions as small as one rupee and for merchants, the absence of MDR that they have to pay to their banks.
- The ecosystem in which UPI thrives is not to be missed: the presence of high-speed internet in many parts of the country, technologies that power a smartphone, cloud computing and modern software engineering technologies that fulfil a transaction in a few seconds.

S. VARAHASIMHAN

If you own a smartphone, you have most probably done UPI-based payments using BHIM or some other mobile application. The Unified Payments Interface or the UPI, processed ₹10,41,520 crore worth of transactions just in May of this year in India. More than 40% of all retail digital payments (non-cash and non-paper payments) in India happen through UPI now.

The functioning of UPI

The UPI was launched in 2016 and is operated by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). The NPCI was formed in 2009 as an initiative of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Indian Banks' Association (IBA) with the goal to create a robust payment and settlement infrastructure. UPI operates on top of the Immediate Payment Service (IMPS) which was created by the NPCI for immediate fund transfers.

UPI based payments function broadly through three steps. First, one's bank account is mapped to a Virtual Payment Address (VPA). A VPA eliminates the risk of mentioning account details in every transaction. It can be created in a couple of minutes using a UPI app. The only prerequisite is that your bank account be linked to a mobile number. Secondly, a Payment Service Provider (typically a bank) takes care of the to-and-fro transactions to this VPA (and hence to the underlying bank account) and finally, the UPI software orchestrates the fund movement from a customer's VPA to a target VPA and completes the transaction.

This transaction is different from paying with a debit card or credit card as it does not involve a Merchant Discount Rate (MDR). The MDR is a fee that the recipient bank collects from the merchant. For UPI transactions, there is no MDR (like in the case of the Indian government's Rupay card which also does not have an MDR) and hence there is no price to be paid by the merchant.

A ubiquitous payment system

The popularity of UPI is evident – from tiny roadside shops to large brands, many merchants accept UPI-based payments. The primary reason for this penetration is that UPI accepts transactions as small as one rupee and for merchants, the absence of MDR that they have to pay to their banks is a significant incentive to accept UPI payments. Also, just your smartphone being the only device needed to complete a transaction makes the process as simple as it can get, instead of using devices like the Point-of-Sale card-swiping machines. If there is no extra price to be paid by customer or merchant, how does NPCI manage the cost of running the infrastructure for UPI? Is it sustainable in the long run to continue without MDR to fund the infrastructure? The answer can be that cost savings from the reduction in hassles and overheads for banks (by supporting UPI) will be used to bear the cost of operating UPI in the long run.

In 2019, Google requested the U.S. Federal Reserve to develop a solution similar to India's UPI citing the thoughtful planning, design and implementation behind it

The ecosystem in which UPI thrives is not to be missed: the presence of high-speed internet in many parts of the country, technologies that power a smartphone, cloud computing and modern software engineering technologies that fulfil a transaction in a few seconds. The security of a UPI transaction is tied to the user's authentication with the mobile phone – there is a mobile personal identification number (MPIN) for the UPI application and there is one more layer of security when the bank's online transaction PIN is to be keyed in as part of every UPI transaction. If you block a mobile number due to theft, for example, then UPI transactions on that mobile number will also be halted.

Continuous innovation

The NPCI has come up with multiple new innovations over the past few years: recurring payments for monthly bills, international payments, linking UPI to credit cards, 123PAY that allows people without smartphones but with only ordinary mobile phones to use UPI using missed calls, allowing one-time payment by letting a merchant generate a QR (Quick Response) code that is valid for just that specific transaction and many more features. The dynamic QR code is a great boost to security and trust because there is no risk of someone having tampered with a static QR code (a static QR code is what is widely prevalent now and we see it on the wall in many shops). The merchant generates a QR code specific to that transaction amount and the customer pays through UPI by scanning the QR code.

The UPI is a phenomenal Indian technological success story. In 2019, Google requested the U.S. Federal Reserve to develop a solution similar to India's UPI citing the thoughtful planning, design and implementation behind it.

UPI brings us one step closer to the age of digital fintech nirvana.

From the dawn of civilisation, man has always accumulated and hoarded; however, UPI enables one to move around with an empty pocket barring a smartphone; it makes us un-learn to carry a wallet but be assured that we can pay when we want to.

The author is a senior employee at a software product MNC in Chennai

THE DAILY QUIZ

Amazon was founded by Jeff Bezos from his garage in Washington, on July 5, 1994. Here is a quiz on similar big businesses from across the world

1 Mac is Apple's line of personal computers that use the macOS operating system. What is Mac short for? What is it named after?

2 Before Bill Gates and Paul Allen founded Microsoft in 1975, they formed a business partnership with Paul Gilbert. The objective was to read raw data from roadway traffic counters and create reports for traffic engineers. What did they call it?

3 Which was the first video to be uploaded on YouTube in 2005?

4 This was an audio streaming service provider, originally launched in 1999, as a peer-to-peer (P2P) file-sharing software service with an emphasis on digital audio file distribution. It shut down in 2001 after losing a wave of lawsuits and filed for bankruptcy in 2002. Name the service.

5 Tizen is a Linux-based mobile operating system backed by the Linux Foundation. Which multinational manufacturing conglomerate primarily uses Tizen?

6 Facebook acquired Oculus in 2014, entering the virtual reality market. It was later amalgamated into a business of Facebook to produce virtual reality and augmented reality hardware and software. What is it called now?

7 Amazon entered negotiations to acquire an American media company in 2021. One of its famous cartoons include Tom and Jerry. Which is the media company that Amazon acquired?

◄ This 2010 film was directed by David Fincher. It portrays the founding of a social networking website. What is the film called? Which website is the subject of the film?

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. The inscription on the tablet the Statue of Liberty carries. **Ans: JULY IV MDCCLXXVI (July 4, 1776, in Roman numerals)**
2. Apart from George Washington and Abraham Lincoln these are the other two U.S. Presidents inscribed on Mt. Rushmore. **Ans: Thomas Jefferson and Theodore Roosevelt**
3. The tallest brick building in the world with a steel framework. **Ans: Chrysler Building**
4. The Independence Hall completed in 1753 is located here. **Ans: Philadelphia**
5. This architectural Henry Bacon masterpiece is located on the western edge of the National Mall. **Ans: Lincoln Memorial**
6. This entertainer owned Graceland, the most-visited privately owned home in the U.S. **Ans: Elvis Presley**
7. The largest dam in the U.S. **Ans: Hoover Dam**
8. This building in Los Angeles' designed by the famed architect Frank Gehry was completed in 1996. **Ans: Walt Disney Concert Hall**
Visual: The U.S. State where the Gateway Arch is located. **Ans: Missouri**

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FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, sir."

"Good morning."

"Sir, how do you use 'owing to' and 'due to' sir?"

"The general rule till recently was that 'due to' should have a noun or pronoun to agree with. For example, you should say-

His absence was due to his illness.

His success was due to his hard work.

His anger is due to his disappointment.

You were not expected to say 'He didn't come due to his illness.' In this sentence, 'owing to' should have been used. "Owing to" means 'on account of or 'because of.' It is a prepositional phrase.

Owing to heavy rains, the trains were cancelled.

Owing to poor health, he didn't come.

However, the prepositional use of 'due to' is not considered incorrect now. That is, the following sentences are considered all right now.

Due to illness, he couldn't come to office.

He did not attend the meeting due to pressure of work.

The revised edition (1965) of Fowler's Modern English usage says: "The offending usage has indeed become literally part of the Queen's English. Due to inability to market their grain, prairie farmers have been faced for some time with a serious shortage of sums to meet their immediate needs." (Speech, from the Throne on the opening of the Canadian Parliament by Elizabeth II, 14 Oct., 1957). When the Queen herself makes no distinction, why should we? What was unacceptable once is acceptable now."

"Is there any difference between 'meanwhile' and 'in the meantime' sir?"

"No, they mean the same. But don't say 'in the meanwhile', it is always 'meanwhile.' Also don't say 'meantime', it is always 'in the meantime'."

"What's the difference between 'Enquiry' and 'Inquiry', sir?"

"In America 'inquiry' is displacing 'enquiry'. In Britain a distinction is sought to be made between enquiry and inquiry. Enquiry is used when you ask questions. Enquiry is a formal word. 'Inquiry' is used for any investigation.

He made some enquiries about the date of the Inquiry."

"How do you pronounce 'etiquette' sir?"

" 'Etiquette' as you know means the formal rules of proper behaviour in polite society. It is pronounced 'etiket'. 'eti' rhymes with petty and 'ket' rhymes with 'let'. In 'etiket' the stress is on the first syllable. It's threatening to rain. You may go, now."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye"

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PSI scam: ADGP Amrit Paul arrested

60 people have been held so far in the case

Chronology

January 1, 2021
Gazette notification for appointment of 545 civil PSIs was published

October 3, 2021
Written examination held

January 19, 2022
Provisional list of selected candidates was published

Exams held for **545** PSI posts

Total number of candidates who wrote the exam **over 54,000**

Total number of examination centres **92**

Examination for 200 marks

Paper I Comprehension and essay-type questions: 50 marks

Paper II Multiple choice questions - 100 questions of 1.5 marks each - 150 marks, to be filled in OMR sheet

Most of the malpractices uncovered are in Paper II

How the scam was uncovered

March 2022: Sridhar Pawar, one of the candidates who had written the examination, collected the carbon copy of Veeresh Chandrashekhar, another candidate, and found that the latter had got 100 marks even though he had attempted only 21 questions as per the carbon copy of the candidate and shared it on social media

April 07, 2022: Government orders CID probe

Modus operandi of malpractices

Candidates left most questions in OMR sheet blank and after the exams the invigilators filled the answers in the OMR sheet. The carbon copy with the candidate and the OMR sheet with the department did not match

The question paper was leaked from the examination centre to touts who had a panel of experts who answered the question paper and relayed the answers to candidates with a Bluetooth device with the candidates

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) on Monday arrested Additional Director-General of Police (ADGP) Amrit Paul in the police sub inspectors' (PSI) recruitment scam case. He was heading the Police Recruitment Cell, Karnataka, when the scam broke out and it was found that the OMR sheets were allegedly tampered with in the office. The CID arrested him after questioning him four times.

Amrit Paul

Hours after the arrest, the State government issued an order suspending Amrit Paul on Monday night. The order said Mr. Paul is entitled for subsistence allowance in accordance with rule 4 of the all India service rules. The order also stated that Mr. Paul should not leave the headquarters under any circumstance without the written permission of the government. He is the first ADGP-rank officer in the State police to be arrested.

The State government had transferred Mr. Paul to the Internal Security Division, replacing him with Kamal Pant, while probing his role. Earlier, P. Shantha Kumar, Deputy Superintendent of Police, and the other staff involved in the scam had been arrested. The CID has so far arrested over 60 persons, including the PSI exam topper, who allegedly tied up up with middlemen and officials to get the OMR sheets filled after submission.

On Monday, the CID questioned Mr. Paul and later took him to Bowring hospital for medical examination before being taken to court. Mr. Paul, who was heading the recruitment division having its office in the CID headquarters, is now sitting in the interrogation cell on the same premises, after being taken into custody till July 13 by the CID sleuths.

The probe so far revealed that Mr. Paul had given the keys of the strongroom to his assistant Mr. Shantha Kumar, who, along with three of his associates, allegedly tampered with the OMR sheets after switching off the CCTV cameras.

Reacting to the developments, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, said: "We are committed to cleanse the entire system through an unbiased and uncompromising probe. The CID has been given a free hand to investigate the PSI recruitment scam. They have taken action based on the evidence. Our government will act against the guilty even if it happens to be top officials".

Former Bengaluru Urban DC held in corruption case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Former Deputy Commissioner of Bengaluru (Urban) J. Manjunath, who was shunted out last week, was arrested by Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) officials on Monday for his alleged involvement in a corruption case, which they are probing. The arrest came in the wake of the High Court of Karnataka reprimanding the ACB for taking a soft stand against senior officials while probing the case. After the whip, the ACB officials summoned Mr. Manjunath and had questioned him for few hours and recorded his statement.

The case pertains to the ACB arresting Deputy Tahsildar P.S. Mahesh, while he was allegedly accepting a bribe of ₹5 lakh from an Anekal resident for an official favor in a land dispute case.

On May 22, ACB officials arrested Mr. Mahesh and a court assistant Chetan Kumar. Though the landowner, Azam Khan, and Mahesh, in their statement, said that Mr. Manjunath had demanded the bribe, his name was not included in the FIR, which received flak from the court, following which Mr. Manjunath's name was added as an accused in the FIR.

Mr. Manjunath was posted as Director, Integrated Child Protection Scheme, Bengaluru, while Sangappa, CEO, Zilla Panchayat, Bengaluru (Urban), was given the additional charge as DC, Bengaluru (Urban).

90% of adult population vaccinated, says Bommai

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Monday said over 90% of the adult population in Karnataka has been fully vaccinated for COVID-19.

He tweeted: "Under the seasoned guidance of PM Narendra Modi, over 90% of adult population has been fully vaccinated. Thanks to all the health workers for this landmark achievement, made possible by the support of fellow countrymen".

So far, 11, 22,74,502 beneficiaries in the State have received their vaccination shots. A total of 749 new COVID-19 cases and one death were reported on Monday, taking the State's total active cases to 6,474.

Celebrating the life and times of Sathyu

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Film and theatre director Mysore Srinivasa Sathyu, popularly known as M.S. Sathyu, will be turning 93 on Wednesday. To mark his birthday, and honour his immense contribution to art and cinema, WeBhinna, Bengaluru is organising 'Sathyu Sambhrama', a week-long celebration of the creative genius of Mr. Sathyu.

Best known for his film *Garm Hawa* (1973), a post-partition classic, Mr. Sathyu is considered an icon alongside filmmakers like Mrinal Sen, Satyajit Ray, and Ritwik Ghatak who ushered in a new wave of parallel cinema in India. A patron of the Indian People's Theatre Association (IPTA), his body of work includes nine plays, eight feature films, three telefilms and four teleserials. Mr. Sathyu is also a recipient of the Padma Shri (1975).

Beginning July 4, WeBhinna's line-up of programmes will reminisce some of Mr. Sathyu's best works in a career spanning over six decades.

The plays that will be staged are *Vaarasudaara* and *Gul-e-Bakawali*. The films to be screened include *Chitegoo Chinte* (1978) and *Bara* (1982), an adaptation of U.R. Ananthamurthy's short story, which won the Best Film and Best director awards at both the Karnataka State Film Awards as well as the Filmfare awards.

While theatre practitioners and contemporaries of Mr. Sathyu will share their experiences, the event will also provide an opportunity for the present generation of film and theatre enthusiasts to learn about Mr. Sathyu's illustrious career as a theatre-person, filmmaker and art director. Film director K.M. Chaitanya will also lead a discussion on Mr. Sathyu and the theatre movement in India with students of theatre.

The event is happening between July 4-10 at ADA Rangamandira, J.C. Road, Bengaluru and is open and free for all. For more details, contact 9739614139/9632542600.

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RISE 12:32	SET 00:04

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Bengaluru	26	21

Bengaluru Today
27°C A comfortable weather to prevail during the day. Night will be pleasant. Chances of rain and thundershower.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
28°C The weather will remain comfortable but humid. Night will be pleasant. Spell of light rain or thundershower is a chance.

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Orange alert declared in Kodagu; landslip near Madikeri

352 electricity poles, 5 transformers damaged in Kodagu due to rains since June

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

Orange alert has been declared in Kodagu as heavy rains continue to lash the coffee land causing a landslip near Madikeri and damaging 128 electricity poles in the last 24 hours. Rainfall between 115.6 mm and 204.4 mm has been forecast till 8.30 a.m. Tuesday.

From June 1 till date, Kodagu recorded 428 mm rain and Shanthalli and Suntikoppa recorded heavy rain besides Bhagamandala. Kodagu recorded 48 mm rainfall in the last 24 hours.

Five landslips have occurred since June 27 after the monsoon turned active and one on Monday at Talathmane in Madikeri taluk. Kodagu's disaster response teams are ensuring traffic movement, clearing mud heaps, and trees fallen on the roads. As many as 352 electricity poles and five transformers were damaged in Kodagu due to rains since June and the personnel from the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) are restoring the disruption in power supply caused by the damage to its infrastructure.

The scene at Bhagamandala in Kodagu that has been witnessing heavy rain. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Four LT poles were damaged due to tree falls at Ammathi Byrambada.

Landslips occurred on Mangalore Road, Bhagamandala and Karike Road, Monnangeri and Jodupala Road, Jahangir Paisari and Makkandur Road.

Outflow from Harangi dam has gone up with the rise in inflow following incessant rains in its catchment area. Harangi dam is four-feet short to retain its full reservoir level. The water-level on Monday stood at 2,855.24 feet as against the maximum of 2,859 feet. The inflow was 4,360 cusecs and outflow was 12,700 cusecs on Monday. On this day last year, the outflow was 42 cusecs.

There have been reports of a minor landslip in Chamundeshwari Nagar in Madikeri town. The same place had witnessed landslips in 2018 and 2019.

On this day last year, the monsoon was weak in Kodagu as 0.59 mm of rain was recorded while 48 mm of rainfall was recorded in the last 24 hours.

'Bengaluru leads office leasing market with a 30% share in Q2'

Office demand is expected to close at 40-45 million sq.ft. by the end of this year: Colliers

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Bengaluru led the office leasing market in the country in the second quarter (April to June) of calendar year 2022 by solely forking out a 30% market share followed by Mumbai and Delhi-NCR claiming 19% and 18% slice respectively, said Colliers, a global realty advisory and management firm, on Monday.

Office gross absorption across the top six cities saw almost a three-fold rise to 14.7 million sq.ft. during Q2 of 2022 as compared to the same period last year. Pan-India absorption had already surpassed 27 million sq.ft. in the first half of the year, signalling a strong revival in occupier demand.

Stong leasing activity

All the major markets, with Bengaluru dominating, witnessed strong leasing activity during the quarter, driven by high occupier demand for large office spaces, said Colliers.

"The quarter saw increased office occupancy after a hiatus, as demand outpaced supply by a significant margin. Absorption in the first two quarters of the year has already surpassed more than 80% of the total absorption seen in the whole of 2021. Clearly, office demand is well headed to close at 40-45 million sq.ft. by the end of this year," said Ramesh Nair, CEO, India and Managing Director, Market Development, Asia, Colliers.

Meanwhile, as per a recent study put out by Knight Frank India, Bengaluru led the sustainability index amongst the top Indian cities and ranked 14th in the entire Asia-Pacific region.

'Gold' standard

In fact, the city was the only Indian city to fall under the 'Gold' standard category while Delhi ranked second amongst the Indian cities (17th in APAC), followed by Hyderabad (18th) and Mumbai (20th).

Bengaluru was the only Indian city to have a gold standard and ranked 14th in the top real estate in the entire Asia-Pacific Region, based on urbanisation pressure, climate change, carbon emissions, and government activities, it said.

Man held for molesting student

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A 22-year-old hotel employee was arrested by the Viveknagar police on Sunday, for allegedly molesting a nursing student after barging into her house in the wee hours.

The accused, Mashrul Sheikh, is from West Bengal and has been arrested and remanded in judicial custody.

The accused was drunk and was stalking the victim for a few days, a police officer added.

THE HINDU
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Foundation laid for antivenom research centre

It is expected to be ready in five years

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

In five years from now, Bengaluru will house the Antivenom Research and Development Centre (AVRDC), the foundation for which was laid on Monday at the Institute of Bioinformatics and Applied Biotechnology (IBAB), Bengaluru Helix Biotech Park, Electronics City.

AVRDC will be established as a collaborative initiative between the Karnataka Innovative & Technological Society (KITS) of the Department of IT/BT, IBAB (Institute of Bioinformatics & Applied Biotechnology) and the Evolutionary Venomics Lab, Centre for Ecological Sciences, Indian Institute of Science. The building will come up at a cost of ₹7 crore, said a release.

Speaking after laying the foundation stone, C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister for IT/BT and S&T, said India sees 58,000 deaths owing to snakebites and 1,37,000 disabilities annually.

He expressed confidence that the centre would contribute to reducing the number of deaths owing to snakebites, especially among farmers.

"One of the major limitations in pursuing snake venom research in India is the lack of accessibility to venoms. Owing to this, a vast knowledge gap exists in the field of snake venom research in the country. The centre will help overcome these limitations," he said.

This will be a state-of-the-art centre for snakebite research in India, housing about 500 snakes, belonging to about 23 species, and other creatures like scorpions and spiders etc. from the Indian sub-continent.

It will also house a research facility and incubation centre for start-ups interested in pursuing biodiscovery research on venoms, Mr. Narayan stated.

The centre on 16,000 sqft space will have a serpentarium, venom extraction observatory, research lab, incubation facility, and digital library.

The Minister said that the centre would pave way for academia-industry collaborations for the development of regional antivenoms, tailored exclusively for Karnataka.

Stating that the centre will play a major role in developing advanced biotechnological snakebite interventions and bio-discovery research from venoms, Karthik Sunagar of IISc. said that it will also provide various services for the manufacture of the life-saving antivenoms.

In addition, it is expected that AVRDC will assist Forest Department with wildlife forensic research, biotechnological innovations, snakebite education and outreach, and support entrepreneurship in the concerned domain, according to a release.

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Calendar of Events

1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ಮತ್ತು ದಿನಾಂಕ: DSWO/MDRS/CR-02/2022-23 Date: 23-06-2022, 2) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಿಟ್ಟ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ : **ರೂ. 224.97 ಲಕ್ಷ**, 3) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾವತಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಇ.ಎಮ್.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ : ರೂ. 3.37 ಲಕ್ಷ, 4) **e-portal** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜುಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾದ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 22-07-2022, 5) **e-portal** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಲಕೋಟೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ಸಮಯ : 25-07-2022 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ, 6) **e-portal** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು & ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಲಕೋಟೆಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆದು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ಸಮಯ : ಉಪ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಕಛೇರಿ ಸಮಾಜ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಯಾದಗಿರಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 26-07-2022 (ಸ್ಥಳ & ದಿನಾಂಕ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿರುತ್ತದೆ), 7) **e-portal** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಲಕೋಟೆಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆದು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ಸಮಯ : 28-07-2022 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆ (ದಿನಾಂಕ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟಿರುತ್ತದೆ), 8) ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ವಿಳಾಸ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : ಉಪ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಕಛೇರಿ ಸಮಾಜ ಕಲ್ಯಾಣ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಸಿ-ಬ್ಲಾಕ್ ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಡಳಿತ ಭವನ, ಯಾದಗಿರಿ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 08473-200741, e-mail : dswoyadgiri@gmail.com

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No: GIMS/Tender/Drugs/110/2022-23 Date : 01.07.2022

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Call for miscellaneous items tenders, to Gadag Institute of Medical Sciences, Teaching Hospital Gadag. Tender has been floated in E-Portal No: ME/2022-23/IND4539 (http://wweproc.karnataka.gov.in) Interested institutions, manufacturers and suppliers can visit above website from **04.07.2022** to **04.08.2022**, 4:30 PM for details. If any queries please contact below signed during Govt working hours. (Approx Rs.3.15 Cr)

Sd/- Director, Gadag Institute of Medical Sciences,Gadag

DIPR/Gadag/MCA/144/2022-23

DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION AND EX-OFFICIO, DISTRICT PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR, SAMAGRA SHIKSHNA KARNATAKA,
Kalasipalya, Bengaluru South District, Bengaluru – 560 002.
Tel.: 080 - 26705415 Email: egovbangaloresouth@gmail.com

C2/SSK/DIRQ/Com Lab Implementation/27/2021-22 Date: 02.07.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The State Government of Karnataka is implementing 'ICT & Digital Initiative Schools in Karnataka' project in Government Primary Schools through Deputy Director of Public Instructions and Ex-Officio, District Project Co-Ordinator, Samagra Shikshana Karnataka as part of Bangalore South District intends to establish Computer Labs in some of the schools situated across the district. Here by invites technical & commercial bids from officially registered & eligible suppliers for the Supply, Installation and Annual Maintenance of Computers, Laptop, Projector and Screen, UPS 2KV to selected 13 Government Primary Schools in the Bangalore South District during 2021-22.

Interested and eligible bidders may submit their bids (Two Cover System) through e-procurement portal: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** For further details contact: 080-26705415 & Mobile No. +91 9448999327/9480052736

Sd/- Deputy Director of Public Instruction and Ex-Officio, District Project Co-Ordinator, Samagra Shikshna Karnataka, Kalasipalya, Bengaluru South District, Bengaluru – 560 002.

DIPR/CP\Advt/1186/2022-23

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ
ಗ್ರಾ.ಕು.ನೀ. ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆ,
ನ್ಯಾಯಾಲಯದ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ-571313.
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ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : 07/2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 02-07-2022

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಮಾನ್ಯ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಮತ್ತು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ರವರಿಂದ ಗ್ರಾಮೀಣ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆ, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ವಿಭಾಗ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ಕಂಪ್ಯೂಟರ್ ಆಪರೇಟರ್ ಮತ್ತು ಗ್ರೂಪ್ 'ಡಿ' ಹುದ್ದೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಹೊರಗುತ್ತಿಗೆ ಆಧಾರದ ಮೇಲೆ ನೇಮಕ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ನೇಮಕಕ್ಕೆ ಆರ್ಹ ಏಜೆನ್ಸಿಗಳಿಂದ **E-procurement portal** ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದ್ದು, **E-procurement portal** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಲು ಮಾತ್ರ ಅವಕಾಶವಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **04-07-2022 @ 11.00 AM,** ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **15-07-2022 @ 17.00 PM** ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **18-04-2022 @ 5.50 PM** ಮತ್ತು ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ನಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಯೋಜನೆಯ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. **18.96** ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು (**GST** ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನೊಂದಿಗೆ ಪಾವತಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. **0.50** ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ **E-procurement (www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** ಹಾಗೂ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು. ಈ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೇ ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
ಗ್ರಾ.ಕು.ನೀ. & ನೈರ್ಮಲ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆ,
ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ

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Online Tenders are invited under "Two Bid System" through GeM portal for regular **Multi Modal Handling and Transportation contract from SWC Mangalore / CWC Mannagudda / CWC Panambur via Old Mangalore Port and shipment to 9 Islands of UT Lakshadweep for two years.** NIT and tender forms are available in **"www.fci.gov.in"** & **"https://gem.gov.in".** Bids should be submitted online within **2.00 PM on 26.07.2022.** For registration, training and submitting bids online, tenderers are requested to visit **https://gem.gov.in.**

कृते महाप्रबंधक (कर्नाटक)
For General Manager (KTK)

PUBLIC NOTICE

General public may note that, my Client Sri. Krishna Prasad.T.S S/o. Late.T.T.Srinivas Murthy, Aged about 58 years , Rlat. No.13, Sristha Nilaya, Pushpak Farm, 1st Cross,Konanakunte,Bengaluru-560062,is intended to purchase the schedule property from its owner Smt. Lakshmi W/o. Sri.Kishore Kumar.M.N, aged about 29 years, Rlat.No.3, 5th Cross, Vidyapeeta Main Road, Balaji Nagar, Bengaluru-560085. The said owner Smt. Lakshmi had purchased the schedule property from Sri.Y.G.Madhusudan S/o. Y.S.Gopala Krishna Setty, represented by his GPA holder(unregistered GPA dated 26-07-1993) Sri.M.Narasimhalu S/o. M.K. Munuswamy Chetty, through the sale deed vide document No.BSK-1-09565-2020-21 dt:22-01-2021/05-02-2021 registered in the office of Senior Sub Registrar, Basavanagudi(Banashankari) Bangalore.

If any person/s have any claim over the schedule property the same may be intimated in writing along with documents to the undersigned within 15 days from the date of this publication, in absence of any objection within the above said period, it shall be deemed that, there is no objection and the sale deed will be executed in my client favour without any further reference in this regard.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site No.15,Khatha No.36,situated at Uttarahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobali,Bangalore South Taluk, now comes with in the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Uttarahalli Ward No.184 of Uttarahalli, Bangalore and measuring East by 41 feet, West by 48 feet, North by 30 feet, South by 30 feet, totally measuring 1335 sq. ft. together with a RCC building thereon, parking, ground floor, house in first, second & 3rd floor constructed with Brick and Cement Wall, Vitrified tiles flooring, doors and windows are made out of Jungle wood with civic amenities, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever underneath or above the surface and bounded on:-

East by :Site No.14,
West by:Site No.16,
North by:Road,
South by:Private Property.

NAGARAJU.K,ADVOCATE,
No:1/2,1st Floor,4th Cross,
New Bank Colony,
Opposite Bank of Baroda,
Konanakunte, Bengaluru-560062.
Mobile No.9740853223.

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ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ.
214, 2ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಜಿಲ್ಲಾಡಳಿತ ಭವನ, ಬಿ. ರಾಚಯ್ಯ ಜೋಡಿ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ – 571313
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ಸಂ : ಜಿಪವಕಅಚಾಜ:ಬಾಬಯೋ:ಮೌ.ಆಹಾರ:ಅಆರ್:01:2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 20-06-2022

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ)

2022-23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ಚಾಮರಾಜನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯಲ್ಲಿನ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ಮತ್ತು ಅರಣ್ಯದಂಚಿನಲ್ಲಿ ವಾಸವಿರುವ ಪರಿಶಿಷ್ಟ ಪಂಗಡದ ಸೋಲಿಗ, ಜೇನುಕುರುಬ ಹಾಗೂ ಕಾಡುಕುರುಬ ಜನಾಂಗದವರಿಗೆ ಪೌಷ್ಟಿಕ ಆಹಾರ ಪದಾರ್ಥಗಳ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ಆರ್ಹ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಿಂದ ದ್ವಿ ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ (https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) ಮೂಲಕ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ.

1	ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ & ದಿನಾಂಕ	ಸಂ:ಜಿಪವಕಅಚ:ಬಾಬಯೋ:ಮೌ.ಆಹಾರ:ಅಆರ್:01:2022-23 ದಿನಾಂಕ : 20-06-2022
2	ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ದಿನಾಂಕ : 20-06-2022
3	ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ	20-07-2022 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆ
4	ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ	22-07-2022 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ
5	ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ	ರೂ. 800.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು
6	ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ	ರೂ. 12.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು
7	ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಲಕೋಟೆಯನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ	ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು

1. ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಮಾತ್ರ ದಾಖಲಿಸುವುದು.
2. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ

JHARKHAND TRANSITIONING TOWARDS CLEAN ENERGY

LAUNCH OF THE SOLAR ENERGY POLICY 2022 BY

SHRI HEMANT SOREN

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Jharkhand

Date : 05 July 2022

4,000MW
CAPACITY TO BE GENERATED THROUGH SOLAR POWER

4000MW capacity target to be achieved during financial year **2022-23 to 2026-27**

3,000MW
Utility Scale Solar

- Solar Parks - 700MW
- Non- Solar Parks - 1,000MW
- Floating Solar - 900MW
- Canal Top Solar - 400MW

720MW
Distributed Solar

- Rooftop Solar - 250MW
- Captive Solar - 220MW
- Solar Irrigation - 250MW

280MW
Off-Grid Solar

- Mini and Microgrids - 110MW
- Solar for livelihood - 50MW
- Solar Pumps - 120MW

PROVISIONS FOR THE INVESTORS

Single Window System, Payment Security Mechanisms along with a host of other measures to encourage private investors.

Provision of State Level Empowerd Committee (SLEC) for approval and decisions of projects above 25MW

Provision of State Level Screening Committee (SLSC) for approval of projects less than 25MW at one place

Dedicated Solar Policy Cell

Statutory approval within max of 60 days

1,000 Solar Villages to be developed

Exemption in Cross Subsidy and third party as well as captive usage

Indexation up to 25 years at the rate of 1%, rebate in electricity bill

100% exemption of State Goods and Services Tax (SGST) for the next 5 years

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Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency (JREDA), Department of Energy, Government of Jharkhand

BJP set to roll out Mission Dakshin: Ravi

He hits out at Congress and 'family-run' parties, including JD(S), saying they lack internal democracy

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

BJP national general secretary C.T. Ravi on Monday said the party was gearing up to strengthen its position in the southern region of the country through "Mission Dakshin" programme.

Addressing a press conference in Bengaluru, the BJP functionary said the party national executive that concluded in Hyderabad on Sunday had discussed this. Under this, the party would make efforts to woo beneficiaries of the Central schemes cutting across caste and class in Southern States.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had also proposed the concept of "Sneha Yatra" to reach out to people by creating awareness about various development schemes taken

C.T. Ravi

up, he said. He ridiculed the Congress' survey that had indicated that the Congress would return to power in the State.

"Empty vessels make much noise. I want to remind them that they had predicted a victory in Uttarakhand, Goa and Punjab too. In fact, their performance was pathetic in Uttar Pradesh though much hype had been created in those elections with their leader Priyanka Gandhi herself leading the show. A similar thing would happen in Karnataka," he claimed.

He also launched an attack on "family-run political parties" including the JD(S), saying that they lacked internal democracy and that they had developed cold feet after the BJP had emerged strongly.

Wooing minorities

The BJP is making efforts to woo minority votes too, as the national executive in Hyderabad discussed these plans. Mr. Ravi said the party had managed to win in the north-eastern States that had dominant presence of minorities. Following this, a suggestion had been made at the national executive to woo minorities in other states too by using the party's elected representatives in north-eastern States as "ambassadors", he explained. "We want to reach out to the community that has remained away from us through our elected representatives from north east states," he said.

Murmu in State on July 10

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

NDA's Presidential candidate Droupadi Murmu is set to visit Karnataka to seek support for her candidature on July 10, according to BJP national general secretary C.T. Ravi.

He said the social justice was a real commitment for the BJP unlike a few political parties which had confined it to a mere slogan. This was evident with the BJP choosing Ms. Murmu, a well-educated woman from tribal community who has abundant administrative experience, he maintained.

He pointed out that the party had chosen Abdul Kalam and Ram Nath Kovind earlier.

HDK: Is it nationalisation of 'Operation Kamala'?

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Taunting the BJP by asking the party to make former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa "the brand ambassador of Operation Kamala", former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on Monday said that "Operation Dakshin" of the BJP is "nationalisation of Operation Kamala" to gain entry to the South.

In a series of tweets addressed at BJP general secretary C.T. Ravi, he said, "Operation Dakshin is an effort to inject poison into a peaceful society. Does this mean using religion, god, caste, language, tradition, food and businesses to create communal dissent? After Karnataka, the focus is on South India?"

It meant that after Karnataka, "extending fake patriotism through horse trading and buying MLAs in Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Telangana and Andhra Pradesh."

On the issue of internal democracy in the party, Mr. Kumaraswamy said: "Mr. Ravi you said that there is no internal democracy in JD(S). Does internal democracy mean to stand trembling and shaking head in front of Narendra Modi? Is it to say yes to everything?"

He further said, "Earlier it was Congress-free Bharath. Now dynasty-free Bharath. Later, Opposition-free Bharath. Further, making India free of democracy... Isn't this your grand plan?"

Arguing that regional parties are strong in South, he said the BJP was unable to break into their stronghold. "Through Operation Kamala, you came to power in Karnataka. Your efforts failed in other States. So you are now singing the tune of dynasty-free Bharath." He made a list of "dynasts" in BJP Karnataka, including Mr. Yediyurappa and his children.

Gauri Lankesh's sister records statement

Kavita recounts the days before murder

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

MURDER TRIAL

Kavita Lankesh, sister of the slain editor-activist Gauri Lankesh, recorded her statement before the KCOCA Special Court, when examination of witnesses began in the case on Monday. Trial in the case began on May 27.

Ms. Kavita is also the complainant in Gauri's murder case. During her examination, she recounted how a week before Gauri was killed, she had told her that suspicious people were moving around the house, but they had not taken it seriously. She recounted how on September 5, 2017, her mother was informed by Gauri's neighbours through a call that she had "collapsed", but while she was still on her way, she got calls from television channels saying Gauri was shot at.

During her cross-examination, to specific questions she denied that Gauri and her siblings had property disputes. She said that her sister did not have any life threat from Naxals. She also denied the allegation that Gauri and herself had a fight when the former came to her house a few days before being killed. Earlier in the day, Special Public Prosecutor S. Balan examined a key witness in the case, who was an associate of A-17 K.T. Naveen Kumar. He is a witness in both K.S. Bhagawan attempt to murder case and Gauri murder case.

Key accused identified

Crucially, he identified four key accused who were present in the courtroom through videoconference facility from the prisons. He identified Naveen Kumar and three others A-13 Sujith Kumar alias Praveen, A-1 Amol Kale and A-5 Amith Degvekar - whom he said he met at a farmhouse in Maddur with Naveen Kumar. They asked him if he could make circuits.

Quick fix

An elderly woman crossing the road by covering herself with plastic paper as it rained in Hubballi on Monday. •KIRAN BAKALE

Battle for CM face: Rift in Congress unlikely to end soon

NAGESH PRABHU
BENGALURU

Fissures in the Congress seem to be widening over the party's Chief Ministerial candidate for the 2023 Legislative Assembly elections, with KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar emphasising that "organisation is bigger than individual ambition", apparently referring to a mega birthday bash of former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah next month in Davangere. The event is perceived as an attempt at projecting the latter as the Chief Ministerial candidate.

'Collective leadership'

The party high command has repeatedly issued sermons to leaders that the party would go to polls under "collective leadership." Despite being seen as a "weak" high command, sources said the party's central leaders are unlikely to succumb to diktat of the State leaders on projecting the CM face ahead of elections.

A few months ago, AICC general secretary in-charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala had issued a stern statement that central Congress leadership and MLAs will decide the issue (of CM) at an appropriate time.

Mr. Shivakumar and Mr. Siddaramaiah were huddled with former party president and MP Rahul Gandhi in New Delhi last week to resolve differences on issues related to the party's affairs. Media was informed that leaders had fruitful discussions on the party's preparations, campaigns and strategy for the forthcoming Assembly elections. However, now, yet again, both leaders appear to be at loggerheads on projecting the CM face.

Speaking to the media, Mr. Shivakumar opposed projecting any leader as the party's CM face. Recalling three decades of his work as a Congress worker, KPCC chief recalled that he was kept out of the Congress-JD(S) coalition government led by N. Dharam Singh in 2004-05 at the behest of JD(S) leaders. Being a loyal party leader, he supported Mr. Siddaramaiah becoming the Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly despite the latter's defeat in one of the constituencies (Chamundeshwari).

The KPCC chief, however, said Mr. Siddaramaiah had informed him about the formation of a committee by his loyalists to hold a programme called "Siddaramotsava."

Meanwhile, Mr. Siddaramaiah defended the birthday show saying that former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa too celebrated his birthday on a grand scale. A five-member committee headed by R.V. Deshpande has been constituted to hold a month-long birthday programme from August 3.

Questions have been raised about the place of the programme. Though Mr. Siddaramaiah hails from Mysuru and elected from Badami, why is Davangere selected for holding the programme, loyalists of KPCC chief's camp have questioned.

Sources said the party kicked off the poll bugle in 2013 from Davangere, and hence, loyalists of Mr. Siddaramaiah consider the town as an "ideal location" for the birthday bash.

FROM PAGE ONE

Faced threat after I questioned functioning of ACB: HC judge

It is the duty of the authorities not to post tainted officers to agencies like the ACB, Justice Sandesh said.

Was he [Mr. Singh] not raised by the Central Bureau of Investigation, Justice Sandesh asked when his service record was brought to the court. As the government counsel could not immediately find out such details from the record, the court asked the counsel to verify it and inform the court about it on July 7, the next date of hearing.

Justice Sandesh also pointed out that ACB had acted against Mr. Manjunath only after the court questioned about this aspect after going through the statements of other accused persons.

Six-year-old girl washed away?

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HASSAN

A six-year-old girl is feared to have been washed away in a stream while returning home after school near Togarihanklu in Chikkamagaluru taluk on Monday evening. Supreetha was returning home with her brother when she fell into the stream which was in spate following rains.

K.P. Shashidhar, District Fire Officer, told *The Hindu* that the girl was feared to have been washed away as she got close to the stream to wash her feet.

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ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಉಡುಪಿ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ ನಗರ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳಾದ ಕಾರ್ಕಳ ಪುರಸಭೆ, ಕಾಮೂ ಪುರಸಭೆ ಮತ್ತು ಶಾಲಿಗ್ರಾಮ ಪಟ್ಟಣ ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ "ಅಮೃತ್ ನಗರೋತ್ಥಾನ (ಮುನಿಸಿಪಾಲಿಟಿ) ಹಂತ–04ರ" ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಮೂಲಭೂತ ಸೌಕರ್ಯಗಳಾದ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಚರಂಡಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅನುಷ್ಠಾನಗೊಳಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ (www.Eproc.karnataka.gov.in) ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಕೋಷ್ಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ನೀಡಿರುವ Work Indent ನಂಬರ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜುಗಳನ್ನು (Document) ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ವಿದ್ಯುನ್ಮಾನ ಮೂಲಕವೇ (www.Eproc.karnataka.gov.in) ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು. ಪ್ರೀ ಬಿಡ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್, ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜುಗಳನ್ನು ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಪ್ರಚುರಪಡಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಅವಶ್ಯಪಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಇದರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಹಾಗೂ Addendumನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕವೇ ಪ್ರಚುರಪಡಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರು ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಅಗತ್ಯ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳೊಂದಿಗೆ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುವಂತೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿದೆ.

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Jayant Kaikini's play stopped midway by Hindutva activists in Shivamogga

Bajrang Dal members took exception to the play having Muslim characters

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HASSAN

A group of people said to be associated with Bajrang Dal stopped staging of a Kannada play midway at Anavatti in Sorab taluk of Shivamogga district on Sunday night. Even as the play was going on, a group of people raised slogans and went onto the stage, leaving the actors in shock. They succeeded in ending the play abruptly and forced the audience to leave the venue.

Rangabelaku, a Shivamogga-based theatre group, was staging *Jotegiruvanu Chandira*, a play by well-known writer and lyricist Jayant Kaikini at Veerashaiva Kalyana Mandira in Anavatti.

It is a Kannada adaptation of *Fiddler on the Roof* by Joseph Stein.

Anvatti hobli units of Kannada Sahitya Parishat, Karnataka Janapada Parishat and Kannada Samskruthika Vedike had jointly organised the programme.

Jayant Kaikini

The play began around 7.45 p.m. As it was going on, a group of Bajrang Dal activists led by Sridhar Achar put pressure on the organisers to stop the play, arguing that the play, featuring Muslim characters, should have not be allowed to be staged in the village.

Audience shocked

Kotrappa G. Hiremagadi, a senior member of the Rangabelaku team, told *The Hindu* that as he was getting prepared to enter the stage to perform his role, he got calls from the organisers who wanted to talk to him about the pressure on them to stop the play.

> **A couple of minutes before my entry, some people raised slogans and climbed up to the stage, leaving all of us in shock. We never anticipated this.**
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> KOTRAPPA G. HIREMAGADI
> A senior member of the Rangabelaku team

"A couple of minutes before my entry, some people raised slogans and climbed up to the stage, leaving all of us in shock. We never anticipated this," said Mr. Hiremagadi.

Sridhar Achar, a local Bajrang Dal activist, maintained that a play featuring Muslim characters would not be allowed to be staged in the marriage hall belonging to Veerashaivas. He asked the audience to leave the place.

"Our troupe has been staging plays for the last 15 years. We chose the play to spread communal harmony and peace in society. A team of 22 actors, including six women, had been to the village to stage the play," said Mr. Hiremagadi.

Rajeev Reddy, PSI of Anavatti Station, said that by the time his staff reached the place, the play had been stopped.

Many theatre lovers have expressed shock over the incident on social media platforms and demanded action against those stopped the play.

'Cultural terrorism'

Former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has termed the incident an "act of cultural terrorism" by RSS affiliates. "It is nothing but an act of cultural terrorism. The State government should arrest all miscreants involved in the act and punish them," Mr. Siddaramaiah said.

BEFORE THE HON'BLE COURT OF LXXXVI ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL AND SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU
Com O.S. No. 242 / 2022

Between: Bl Worldwide India Private Limited A company incorporated under Companies Act 1956, having office at, #28 Ulsoor Road, Karnataka, India-560042 Represented by its authorized signatory Mr.Harinadh Polepalli .....PLAINTIFF

And: 1. Gifting Xpress, Partnership Firm, having its office at 1st Floor, No.16 1st C Cross, Sudhamanagar, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka 560027 .....1st Defendant

2. Mr.Gangadharan Ajithkumar, Partner of Gifting Xpress, Having his office at 1st Floor, 16 1st C Cross, Sudhamanagar, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka 560027. .....2nd Defendant

3. Ruben Singh Moses, Partner of Gifting Xpress, Having his office at 1st Floor, 16 1st C Cross, Sudhamanagar, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka 560027 .....3rd Defendant

4. Sekharan Silesh, Partner of Gifting Xpress Having his office at 1st Floor, 16 1st C Cross, Sudhamanagar, Bengaluru Urban, Karnataka 560027 .....4th Defendant

PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff Company has filed Com O.S No. 242 / 2022 pending on the file of LXXXVI Additional City Civil and Sessions Judge at Bengaluru, Commercial Court Complex (CCH-87) against the Defendants seeking following reliefs (i) directing the Defendants to pay to the Plaintiff a sum of INR 14,42,678/- (Fourteen Lakhs Forty two Thousand Six Hundred and Seventy Eight) plus interest at the rate of 18 per cent per annum from the due date till the date of actual payment and directing the Defendants to pay costs of the present suit and grant any other relief that this Hon'ble Court deems fit in the interest of justice and equity.

As ordered by this Hon'ble Court I.A filed under Order 5 Rule 20(1) Code of Civil Procedure 1908 has been allowed vide Order dated 16.06.2022 and the aforementioned Public Notice is to be published in The Hindu and Udayavani daily newspaper. All the Defendants are hereby called upon to appear before this Court in person or through a pleader duly instructed on **25.07.2022 at 11 a.m. (CCH-87)** to show cause against the above commercial suit, failing which the matter will be heard and determined ex-parte.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Court, this 16.06.2022.

By order of the Court, Asst Registrar,
Hon'ble Principal City Civil, and Sessions Court, Bangalore

Srinivas .L, Advocate
No. 1558, 25th Main, 5th Cross, BTM 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560076.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Those who live uprightly enter a place of peace; they rest on their beds. - Isaiah 57:2

THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

Date: 05.07.2009

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Mrs. S. Rajapriya Joel Raja, M.A., Mr.S. Joel Raja, MBA,
Mr. D. Victor, Mr. D. Gnanaraj

Karnataka bags Best Performer award

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka has bagged the "Best Performer" award in the DPIIT's (Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade) State/ Union Territory Startup ranking - 2021.

The DPIIT has considered the State as an institutional champion, an innovative leader, a procurement forerunner, a capacity-building pioneer, and a founding leader, said C.N. Ashwath Narayan, Minister for Information Technology and Biotechnology and S&T.

"We have been presented the coveted award for developing a strong startup ecosystem. The government will make all efforts to make Karnataka as the most favoured destination for startups," added the Minister.

Initiatives

According to DPIIT, the government has carried out several initiatives, such as launching engineering research and development policy to attract sector-focussed incentives, creating regulatory sandboxes for startups to avail exemption from State and municipal laws, and developing modernistic policies to support innovation in disruptive sectors, to make it attractive and investor-friendly.

Startup Champions

E.V. Ramana Reddy, Additional Chief Secretary, Dr. Meena Nagaraj, Director, Department of Electronics, IT/BT, and S&T have been recognised as "Startup Champions" of Karnataka.

People disappointed with PM Modi's 'empty' speech, says TRS

BJP leaders' focus was to highlight their urge for power in Telangana: Minister

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) has observed that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's public meeting held here on Sunday was highly disappointing as his address did not specify his plans for the country or for the State, but it purely revolved around Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) desire to come to power in the State.

Not just the Prime Minister, but also other BJP bigwigs such as Union Home Minister Amit Shah too were engaged in spreading misinformation and lies as they had no facts to share about their (Centre's) role in the development of Telangana for the last eight years, Minister for Finance and Health, T. Harish Rao, said while addressing the media in Hyderabad on Monday.

Telangana Health Minister T. Harish Rao addressing the media in Hyderabad on Monday. • G. RAMAKRISHNA

Mr. Harish Rao asked Mr. Shah and other Central leaders of the party to visit districts in Telangana to know how the TRS slogan of *'neellu, nidhulu, niyamakaalu'* (water, funds and jobs) is being realised.

But for better availability of water for irrigation by executing world's largest Kaleshwaram lift project in a record time and completing several pending projects and other supportive measures such as revival of minor irrigation tanks, provision of 24×7 free power to about 30 lakh agriculture pump-sets, investment support given under Rythu Bandhu scheme at ₹5,000 per acre for two crop seasons a year and making available other inputs in time, how the production of foodgrains had multiplied in the State, he sought to know.

"Mr. Modi himself has acknowledged that the Centre had purchased paddy worth over ₹1 lakh crore during the last eight years. Is such a huge production of paddy possible without water? Telangana is second only to Punjab in paddy production now and last year the production was about 2.6 crore tonnes", he said.

'Probe flying of black balloons near airport'

STAFF REPORTER
VIJAYAWADA

BJP Andhra Pradesh president Somu Veerraju has expressed concern at the release of black balloons by some persons, suspected to be Congress party activists, in the vicinity of the Vijayawada airport at Gannavaram when Prime Minister Narendra Modi started flying to Bhimavaram to participate in the birth anniversary celebrations of Alluri Sitarama Raju.

He demanded that the incident should be investigated and stern action taken against those behind the conspiracy.

In a press release, Mr. Veerraju said the flying of balloons in the high security area should not be taken lightly as the Prime Minister's safety was at stake. He said he would be complaining about it to the Union Ministry of Home Affairs.

Tamil Nadu signs MoUs worth ₹1.25 lakh crore

Government is taking steps to make State number 1 in Ease of Doing Business, says Stalin

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Memoranda of Understandings (MoUs) for 60 projects, entailing a cumulative investment of ₹1,25,244 crore, were exchanged in the presence of Chief Minister M.K. Stalin at the 'Tamil Nadu - Investor's First Port of Call' investment conclave in Chennai on Monday.

These investments are expected to create jobs for 74,898 persons in the State. The projects span several sectors including defence, textiles, information technology, capital goods, EVs and auto parts.

From left, Industries Secretary S. Krishnan, Minister Thangam Thennarasu, Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, and Tata Power CEO Praveer Sinha at the conclave in Chennai on Monday. • R. RAGU

Mr. Stalin said Tamil Nadu would soon become the number 1 State in the Ease of Doing Business rankings, and the DMK government had already started taking steps to enable the State to move up from its current position. He said it was due to the efforts taken by his government in the last one year that Tamil Nadu, which was ranked 14 in 2020, had leapfrogged to the third spot.

"We want to create Tamil Nadu as a Smart State that is an example for the rest of the world. Tamil Nadu should become the most attractive destination in South Asia for investors and 'Made in Tamil Nadu' products should reach all corners of the world," he said.

Mr. Stalin also inaugurated 12 projects with an investment of ₹1,497 crore, providing employment to 7,050 persons. He laid the foundation stone for 21 projects with an investment commitment of ₹22,252 crore and employment opportunities for about 17,652 persons. In addition, organisational MoUs were exchanged for 11 fintech projects.

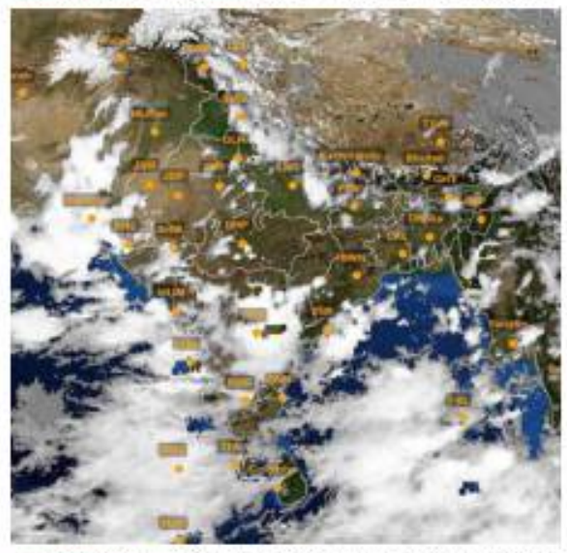
Mr. Stalin said since his government came to power, a total of 192 MoUs had been signed with a cumulative investment of ₹2.20 lakh crore.

He launched the 'Tecxperience' programme to encourage FinTech adoption in the State. He also inaugurated the TN PitchFest, organised by Guidance and StartUp TN, to provide a platform for start-ups and to project the start-up ecosystem to Venture Capital and Angel Investors. He also released the Tamil Nadu Life Sciences Promotion Policy 2022 and the Tamil Nadu Research & Development Policy 2022.

State Industries Secretary S. Krishnan said 78 out of 132 MOUs signed last year were under implementation.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY


TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Tuesday: Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Manipur, Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Vidarbha, Konkan & Goa, coastal Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Kerala and Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning likely at isolated places over Punjab, Delhi, Assam, West Bengal, Telangana, Yanam, Karaikal and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	–	35.3	27.1	Kozhikode	49.8	27.0	22.1
Ahmedabad	–	37.0	27.4	Kurnool	–	34.1	25.7
Aizawl	28	27.8	21.6	Lucknow	–	37.8	28.7
Allahabad	–	36.7	28.0	Madurai	–	38.4	26.6
Bengaluru	–	25.8	20.6	Mangaluru	77.7	26.0	23.0
Bhopal	25.7	33.0	24.2	Mumbai	21	30.7	25.2
Bhubaneswar	47	34.8	26.3	Mysuru	–	31.0	19.6
Chandigarh	–	37.1	29.2	New Delhi	0.1	36.8	27.4
Chennai	8	34.6	25.4	Patna	1	35.6	26.6
Coimbatore	1.2	30.6	21.8	Port Blair	29	29.7	24.2
Dehradun	22	34.2	23.8	Puducherry	–	35.3	26.4
Gangtok	0.5	22.8	18.7	Pune	2.4	31.4	22.7
Goa	52	26.0	24.1	Raipur	8	27.8	25.2
Guwahati	–	36.8	26.5	Ranchi	0.2	32.0	23.5
Hubballi	–	25.0	22.0	Shillong	0.4	26.0	17.8
Hyderabad	10	30.0	22.5	Shimla	29	28.0	19.4
Imphal	9	31.2	23.0	Srinagar	–	34.0	24.0
Jaipur	9	34.8	26.8	Thiruvananthapuram	25.2	31.8	22.8
Kochi	16	29.4	23.2	Tiruchi	–	34.6	26.5
Kohima	10	27.0	18.0	Vijayawada	11	32.6	24.7
Kolkata	2	35.2	27.6	Visakhapatnam	3	32.0	27.9

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — Yesterday

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	53	20	55	55	102	
Bengaluru	10	21	22	72	103	
Chennai	4	–	81	30	55	
Delhi	34	84	95	141	122	
Hyderabad	16	22	28	46	75	
Kolkata	11	11	15	35	57	
Lucknow	8	98	48	61	71	
Mumbai	5	–	50	202	163	
Pune	12	181	95	107	76	
Visakhapatnam	13	47	27	53	–	

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Chhapra, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 167 indicating a moderate level of pollution. In contrast, Davanagere, Karnataka recorded a healthy AQI score of 16

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

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Cancellation of Short Term Tender Notification No.10/2022-23 Dt: 23-06-2022

Short Term Tender Notification No. : 10 /2022-23, dated 23-06-2022 called on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore for the SCP-TSP works related to "Udupi-Chikkamagaluru Loksabha Constituency" has been cancelled due to Technical Reasons.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
CNNL.,Yagachi project Division,
Belur, Hassan District.

KALYAN KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION, VIJAYAPUR DIVISION
NO:KKRTC:VJP:TR:COMM:1211:2022-23 Dated:27.06.2022

E-TENDER PUBLICATION DETAILS

01. **E-Tender Publication Number : 169/22/E/10** (23 Bus Stands Cleaning, Toilet & Urinal Maintenance) 02. **E-Tender Publication Number : 713/22/E/5** (Vacant Stalls & Open Space of Various Bus Stands of the Division). **Last Date & Time for Online Application : 18.07.2022, 17.30 PM. Tender Opening Date & Time : 20.07.2022 after to 11.00 am.**
For details visit https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or Contact D.T.O:7760992252 or Commercial Case Worker (Traffic Section) Vijayapur Divisional Office during office hours.

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Sd/- Divisional Controller, K.K.R.T.C Vijayapur Division.

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure, Yelahanka Division, N.R. Square, Bengaluru - 560002
No.: EE/RI/YNK/TEND/07/2022-23 Date : 04.07.2022

INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT)
(Two Cover System)
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal only)

Executive Engineer, Road Infrastructure - Yelahanka Division, invites proposals (Technical and Financial) for appointing Consultant for Supervision, Project Management and Quality Control for the projects detailed in the table below.

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	EMD (in Rs.)
1	Consultancy services for construction supervision, project management and quality control for the works of providing development of Kempapura Main Road from Bellary Road to Gundappa Street under light tender SURE model.	50,000/-

Calender of events : (1) Availability of RFP Document from **06.07.2022** onwards. **(2)** Last date for Receipt of Queries **08.07.2022** up to **3:00 p.m. (3)** Date of Pre bid meeting at the Office of the Chief Engineer (R.I) on **08.07.2022** at **4:00 p.m. (4)** Last date for uploading the Filled Proposals is **14.07.2022** before **5:30 p.m. (5)** Date of Opening of Technical Proposals is **16.07.2022** at **4:00 p.m. (6)** Date of opening of Financial Proposals: after Approval of Technical Proposals through e-Procurement. Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours or website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, RI-Yelahanaka Division, BBMP

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Office of the Executive Engineer,
PWD Division, Mandya

No. 02/2022-2023 Dated : 30-06-2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS / CONSTRUCTION TO ROAD WORKS IN MANDYA DISTRICT

Tender in One/Two cover system is invited from qualified Eligible contractors for the works pertaining to **Mandya Division** through e-procurement portal as per Standard bid document KW-1, 2, 3 & 4. The eligible contractors can participate in this tender through e-procurement portal **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** Pre-bid Meeting only for KW-4, Works will be held on 20-07-2022 (More than 100.00 Lakhs only) at 11.00 am in the Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Mandya. Documents may be downloaded from 15-07-2022. Last date for Queries 28-07-2022 upto 4.00 pm. Last date for submission of tender 30-07-2022 upto 4.30 pm. Date of opening Technical bid 01-08-2022 at 11.00 am onwards, Financial bid upto Rs. 50.00 Lakhs will be opened on 01-08-2022 at 11.00 am onwards or next Office working day. Financial bid above Rs. 50.00 Lakhs will be opened on 03-08-2022 at 11.00 am onwards or next Office working day. Tender Processing Fees as per E-Procurement & Duration including Monsoon 2/3/4/6/9 months, Number of works: 42, Estimate Amount Maximum Rs. **1000.00** Lakhs, Minimum Rs. **10.00** Lakhs, EMD as per E-Procurement. For more information contact the above office during Office Hours.

Sd/- E.E.,PWD Division, Mandya

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Bid Identification No. CE-DPI & R-07 / 2022-23

1. The Chief Engineer (DPI & Roads), Odisha on behalf of Governor of Odisha invites percentage rate bids in double cover system in ONLINE MODE from eligible contractors for Road work as mentioned below:
2. Nature of work : **Road work**
3. No. of work : **2 Nos.**
4. Tender Paper Cost : **Rs.10,000.00**
5. Class of Contractor : **Super Class / Special Class**
6. Available of bid document in the website. : From **10.00 A.M. of 11.07.2022** to **05.30 PM of 01.08.2022.**
7. Date of opening of Bid : **Dt.02.08.2022 at 11.30 AM**
8. The Bidders have to participate in ONLINE bidding only. Further details can be seen from the website : **https://tenderodisha.gov.in** . Any addendum / corrigendum / cancellation of tender can also be seen in the said website.

Chief Engineer (DPI & Roads), Odisha.

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A Business Initiative

The launch of the "Training of Trainers" Program

SANKALP (Skill Acquisition and Knowledge Awareness for Livelihood Promotion) scheme in association with the Government of India - NSDC & MSDE, funded by World Bank, inaugurated the Training of Trainers (TOT) program held at Nettur Technical Training Foundation's Electronics City Campus on the 28th of June. The solemn event was graced by Mr. Rajesh Aggarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE), Government of India. Mr. Sandesh Tilekar, Director, SANKALP, MSDE, and Ms. Preeti Arora, Sr. Head Digital Skilling Solution, NSDC. The program started with lighting the ceremonial lamp and invocation followed by a welcome address by Mr. B V Sudharshan, Dy. Managing Director, NTTF. Mr. Sandesh Tilekar, Director, SANKALP, MSDE briefed about the TOT MOU with NTTF. He said that the aim is to train around 1800 trainers and teachers who will go through various theory and on-the-job training modules over six months. Besides these, 275 graduates would undergo upskilling program leading to PG Diploma. SANKALP, NTTF, and all other industries have come forward to implement this program to develop the best of the best trainers, he said. The MOU was exchanged by Dr. N Reguraj, Managing Director, NTTF, and Ms. Preeti Arora, Sr. Head Digital Skilling Solution, NSDC. Mr. Rajesh Aggarwal, IAS, Secretary, MSDE, the Guest of Honour, in his speech said that he had visited several private and government technical and skill institutes across India but the NTTF's latest infrastructure and proven training methodologies are par excellent. Mr. Avinash, one of the trainers from the pilot batch of 33 graduate engineer trainees, shared about the TOT program which is expected to shape their careers. This Training of Trainers (TOT) program in a nutshell, aims at empowering trainers and teachers in addition to solid theoretical knowledge and focuses on the topics of conception, presentation, visualization, methodology, moderation, and much more. The objective is primarily to prepare future trainers for their productive lives, endowing them with the core skills that enable them in reinforcing learning. Mr. R Rajagopalan, Joint Managing Director, NTTF delivered a vote of thanks. The ceremony ended with the singing of the National anthem.2)

PG Graduation Day

AIMS Institute, Bangalore celebrated its PG Graduation Day on the 18th of June on campus. Dr. Cynthia Menezes Prabhu, the current Vice-Chancellor (IC) of Bangalore University was the Chief Guest. The celebrations began with the academic procession in which the dignitaries, Dr. Cynthia Menezes Prabhu, Vice-Chancellor (IC), Bangalore University, Dr. Kiran Reddy, the founder principal & CEO of the Institute, Dr. Jayapraksah Reddy, Registrar, the heads of all PG programs, faculty members, students, and all the graduands were escorted with the college band into the venue. The dignitaries adorned the dais and after the customary invocation song and lit the lamp. Dr. Kiran Reddy welcomed all the dignitaries, invitees, parents, faculty, and graduands and declared the graduation day open in her presidential address, she congratulated all the graduands. At this ceremony, around 500 students from various programmes like MBA, MCA, M. Com, MSW, and Mcom.FA and PGDM participated and all meritorious students of all programmes were awarded. Around 250 parents were present to witness the grand ceremony and they all expressed joyful gratitude towards faculty members and the management for moulding their wards into professionals of global excellence. The programme ended with a vote of thanks followed by our national anthem.

International Drug Awareness Programme

The Oxford College of Science from the NSS unit organised the "International Drug Abuse Awareness Programme". Sri. HK. Mahanandan BE, Circle Inspector, Anekal police station, Bengaluru inaugurated the progamme. He addressed the gathering about the disadvantages of drug use. In the present-day context, teenagers, women, and men are either developing addiction or are getting exposed to substance abuse. This habit can give momentary happiness, excitement, or sensitivity. But drugs are a paragon of heaven, taking you to hell. It damages human health and leads to both physical and mental disorders. It leads to various cancer diseases and other serious health problems. Therefore, we must take a solid decision to come out of this addiction. During this programme everyone took a pledge. The programme was chaired by Professor Gayathri Sudhir, Vice-Principle, The Oxford College of Science, and Dr. Bharathi.S, Vice-Principle, TOCS. Shri. Mariswamy N, NSS Programme Officer, and NSS volunteers also participated in this programme.

Sapthrang 22

Atria Institute of Technology, Bangalore organised Sapthrang 22' the annual mega cultural fest of the institute on the 24th of June 2022. The inauguration marks the beginning of the two-day fest, hosted by the Cultural Committee of Atria. This cultural extravaganza has been a part of the institution for many years now and it gives several students a chance to show their talents in the fields of music, dance, theatre, literature, art, and fashion. Mr. Shreyas K Manju and Ms. Reeshma Nanaiah, who is playing a duo in the Kannada movie Raana were invited as the chief guests and the CEO of Atria Education Mr. Shaheem Rahiman graced the occasion as the Guest of Honor. The Principal Dr. T N Sreenivasa presided over the inauguration with the Cultural Conveners Prof. Archana R Motta and Prof. Bhaskar M K. The event was witnessed by the Atria staff and Students with the hall being jam-packed. The fest witnessed more than one thousand students who participated from nearly 15 colleges across Bangalore like Ramaiah Institute of Technology, BIT, Sir MVIT, NMIT, St Joseph's, MES, National College, KLE, Sheshadripuram, to name a few. The closing day was an eventful evening with a mega fashion show followed by a DJ by Jonas Monteiro.

Project Exhibition at College

K.S School of Engineering, Kanakapura Road Bangalore, organised a project exhibition in its premises. The projects displayed were designed and developed by the students exhibiting innovative ideas. During the demonstration, teams shared their learning experience focusing on society-centric projects in solving real-world technical problems. The event was inaugurated by President Sri R. Rajagopal Naidu, Secretary Sri Leela Shankar Rao, and Treasurer Sri T. Neerajakshulu Naidu, and all the judges appreciated the projects. Dr. K. Ramanarasimha and HOD Dr. K. Venkat Rao guided the students in executing their project exhibition event.

In the political thicket

Election of Speaker of the Maharashtra Assembly revealed Governor's partisan role

The office of the Speaker in the Maharashtra Assembly was vacant for nearly 17 months, but it was filled up by an election held within two days of a new regime taking over. Rahul Narvekar of the BJP won with 164 votes in his favour and only 107 against, a margin that reflects the extent of support that Chief Minister Eknath Shinde enjoys in the House now. What facilitated Mr. Narvekar's election was the change of heart on the part of Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari, who has been refusing to fix a date for the election. In a partisan manner that has become typical for Governors, Mr. Koshyari has been citing the pendency of litigation, related to amendments to the Assembly Rules on the mode of electing a Speaker, to avoid fixing a date as required by Rule 6. Even though the Supreme Court is yet to dispose of an appeal in this matter, the Governor seems to have quietly withdrawn his objection and fixed the date for the Speaker's election. Significantly, the election took place by open ballot as envisaged by the changed rules. The BJP, while in the opposition, was rooting for a secret ballot in the Speaker's election, apparently in the expectation, even much before the Shinde camp's revolt, that some members of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) constituents will vote against the ruling alliance. On the other hand, former Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray favoured an open ballot as a possible deterrent against crossvoting.

It is worth noting that the Constitution envisages no role for the Governor in the Speaker's election, which is the prerogative of the House. It is only as a courtesy to the fact that the Governor is part of the legislature that the Assembly Rules say that the Governor shall fix the date for the Speaker's election. It obviously means that the Governor shall do so on the advice of the Council of Ministers, but incumbents in Raj Bhavan entertain a perverse notion these days that they exercise power at their whim. If any Governor believed that he had any say in the matter of fixing a date for the Speaker's election, it is both contrary to the constitutional scheme and a sign of playing a politically partisan role. One part of the problem was that the amended rule said the Governor shall fix a date "on the recommendation of the Chief Minister", raising a doubt whether it was an individual piece of advice. The Bombay High Court, however, noted that there is nothing to suggest that the CM's opinion did not have the support of his Cabinet or that any constitutional provision has been violated. As the erstwhile dissidents from the Shiv Sena have emerged the present-day rulers and demonstrated their majority in the Assembly, these controversies may mean little now. However, it again shows that constitutional functionaries never rise above the political thicket.

Deal or no deal?

The U.S. and Iran should start direct talks to find common ground on the nuclear deal

Reviving the Iran nuclear deal was a campaign promise of U.S. President Joe Biden. In the White House, Mr. Biden appointed a special envoy for Iran, starting indirect negotiations with the country and direct talks with other signatories of the 2015 agreement to meet this objective. But almost one and a half years later, there has still been no breakthrough in one of the most contentious issues he faces in West Asia. Multiple rounds of talks in Vienna made progress in bringing the deal back on track, which had sought to scuttle Iran's nuclear programme in return for lifting international sanctions. But the talks collapsed earlier this year as the Biden administration reportedly refused to remove the terrorist designation of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), a critical arm of Iran's armed forces. Last week, Qatar, which hosted the U.S.-Taliban talks that led to the February 2020 agreement between the Afghan Sunni fundamentalist insurgency and the Trump administration, held indirect talks between the U.S. and Iran. However, as Mr. Biden prepares for his first West Asia tour as U.S. President later this month, a deal is still elusive. While Iran says the Doha talks were positive, U.S. officials say the prospects of reviving the agreement are now worse. That they stay engaged in talks shows that both sides are still keen on a solution, but they face structural impediments.

To be sure, the current mess was created by Donald Trump. The Obama administration and the Rouhani presidency, along with other world powers, had engaged in painstaking negotiations to reach the 2015 agreement, which practically cut off Iran's path towards building nuclear capabilities. Iran was fully compliant with the agreement's terms when President Trump unilaterally pulled the U.S. out of the agreement. He had hoped that Iran, under economic pressure, would renegotiate the agreement. Instead, Iran began enriching large amounts of uranium to a higher purity and developing advanced centrifuges, besides strengthening its military presence in the region through its proxies. Mr. Biden, like Barack Obama, also sees a negotiated agreement as the best way to limit Iran's nuclear programme. But he is facing pressure from America's allies in West Asia, especially Israel, to include Iran's weapons programme in the ambit of a fresh agreement. Iran is strongly resisting any attempt to expand the scope of the agreement. As negotiations go on, Israel has stepped up its shadow war with the Islamic Republic, targeting its military and nuclear personnel and weapons facilities. This is a dangerous slope. What the world wants now, at a time when it is struggling with the after-effects of Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine, is not another open conflict. The U.S. and Iran should start direct negotiations to overcome differences and find common ground on the deal before it is too late.

A chaotic world, the perils of multilateralism

Instead, bilateral engagements may be much more productive at this point in history

T.P. SREENIVASAN

Today at a Quad summit, tomorrow at a BRICS summit and the day after at a G-7 summit is a statesman's dream come true. The exchange of ideas with world leaders, seeking common ground on burning issues and recalibrating our policy accordingly are at the heart of diplomacy. But at a time when the world is trying to grapple with the impact of unprecedented problems which arose in the first two decades of the 21st century, the various intergovernmental organisations and groupings, which are undergoing fundamental changes, may not be fertile places for building peace. The time is not opportune for collective bargaining when countries are holding their cards close to their chest and scheming for positions of advantage. The least common denominators are so shallow that joint statements read like a string of diverse statements without any political glue. Bilateral engagements may be much more productive at this point in history.

In-built contradictions

The 14th virtual BRICS summit hosted by China (June 23-24) was a clear attempt by China to hijack the grouping, going by a blueprint it has prepared for the new world order. Curiously, BRICS was not meant to be a political grouping when the acronym, BRIC, was coined by Goldman Sachs economist Jim O'Neill in 2001 to categorise Brazil, Russia, India and China, which were expected to collectively dominate global growth by 2050. Seeing the possibility of developing a non-western global economic system, China welcomed the idea of BRICS as the nucleus of a new economic grouping and invested energy and resources in building it. The others, joined later by South Africa, were also attracted by the idea of creating a catalyst for an alternative to the Bretton Woods Institutions.

The composition of the group had its own contradictions right from the beginning. Two permanent members of the Security Council together with three aspirants to permanent membership appeared like two carnivores and three herbivores invited to the same meal with little possibility for a change in menu. But the grouping focused on possibilities of cooperation among them by developing institutions such as the New Development Bank, the BRICS Contingent Reserve Arrangement and cooperation in certain sectors. The fundamental question of support for the three countries to secure permanent membership was fossilised on China's position that the role of the developing countries should be enhanced, implying that there shall be no expansion of the permanent membership of the Security Council. Russia's support for India also got diluted as a result. Even at the best of times, the BRICS partnership did not result in support for its three partners.

There has been a sea change

The situation in BRICS had undergone a sea change by the time the BRICS summit was held virtually under the presidency of China towards the end of June. The entire fragile framework of limited cooperation was shattered with the bloodshed at Galwan, when China unilaterally sought to alter the situation on the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and, even worse, halted the process of disengagement from certain sectors. The treaties, agreements and agreed procedures are required to be rewritten to form the basis of future cooperation. If Pakistan's raising bilateral issues and the Kashmir issue on every occasion merited a boycott

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of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), India, attending a BRICS meeting under the chairmanship of China was a major concession. The only justification for India's attendance was that it did not want to miss a conclave that could determine the dynamics of the future course in the Indo-Pacific. But both China and Russia do not favour even the change of nomenclature of the region from Asia-Pacific to Indo-Pacific.

Russia-China link

The joint statement of BRICS was of 7,500 words, none of which seemed to indicate the beginning of a new relationship within BRICS. The change of Russia was even more dramatically different since February 2022. Neither the Soviet Union nor Russia had supported India against China since 1962, because of the "brother and the friend" syndrome. Russia showed some inclination to facilitate a discussion between India and China, but after February 2022, Russia is legally obliged to take the Chinese side in any future showdown between India and China. If Russia had agreed to end the war and begin negotiations with Ukraine and China had disengaged from areas occupied in 2020, it would have marked a change for the better. With Russia continuing its war in Ukraine and China continuing to occupy Indian territory in Ladakh, there was little credibility in many of the words they used in the Joint Communiqué. Words such as responsive, effective, transparent, democratic, objective, action oriented and credible sound hollow as they come from Russia and China, which have violated every one of them.

The way China brought in 13 like-minded countries through the back door for a high-level dialogue on global development smacked of unfair means to expand the group with their friends. China pushed for expansion at the summit itself even at a time when BRICS had no credible global agenda. China showed no enthusiasm to bring India into the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) even after India met the criteria of a liberalised economy. Repeating sentences from old BRICS documents as though there was no change in the world has not contributed to the solidarity of BRICS. China seems to think that BRICS would be an extension of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which was designed to dominate the world by getting small and weak countries in a debt trap. The Sri Lankan experience has exposed the Chinese strategy; it has been India, not China, which has come to the rescue of Sri Lanka.

On the G7 meet

India's presence at G7 meetings are not rare and Germany invited the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, to attend the G7 summit in Bavaria (June 26-28) even when there were rumours that in the clamour about democracy and religious freedom and India's neutrality in the Ukraine war, India might be excluded. The G7 made its own statement on the Ukraine war on expected lines and India was only involved in other issues such as environment, energy, climate, food security, health, gender equality and democracy. But the G7 was so preoccupied with its increasing involvement in the war through the supply of money, sophisticated weapons, etc., that other issues were cursorily treated. The imposition of sanctions has been difficult without the cooperation of all countries; the European nations were pressured to impose sanctions against Russia even if it was not in their own interest. Since it was a war summit, it did not produce any results on other major issues. Curtailing energy supplies from Russia would hurt Germany, France, Japan and others, but they could not get any exemption.

Mr. Modi's presence at the G7 summit enabled him to pursue several vital projects with G7 countries, but they will have to be pursued away from the theatre of war – an issue that has fully occupied the G7 countries . India's gain has been the opportunity it got to interact with world leaders, though it was tinged with the disappointment that India, as a Quad member, did not condemn Russia's action in Ukraine.

At the UAE

The limited gains of India at the BRICS and G7 summits have been in contrast with the enthusiastic welcome Mr. Modi received in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), which the Prime Minister visited for a few hours. Apart from paying his respects to the late President of the UAE, Mr. Modi must have smoothed the ruffled feathers of the UAE and other West Asian countries, which were hurt by the totally objectionable remarks made by two former spokespersons of the ruling party. The few hours of bilateral meetings in the UAE were more productive for Mr. Modi than the days he spent at the two summits.

Multilateral negotiations will be increasingly difficult in the present chaotic global situation. It is only by working bilaterally with potential allies that India can attain the status of a pole in the new world with steadfast friends and followers.

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India needs to scale up direct nutrition interventions

Preconception nutrition, maternal nutrition and child feeding practices in the first 1,000 days of life need priority

SHEILA C. VIR

As India launches the celebrations of its 75th anniversary of Independence, there is much to be proud about; significant advances have been made in science, technology, and medicine, adding to the country's ancient, traditional, and civilisational knowledge base, wisdom and wealth.

Still, it is disconcerting that even after seven decades of Independence, India is afflicted by public health issues such as child malnutrition (35.5% stunted, 67.1% anaemic) attributing to 68.2% of under-five child mortality. Poor nutrition not only adversely impacts health and survival but also leads to diminished learning capacity, and poor school performance. And in adulthood, it means reduced earnings and increased risks of chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, and obesity.

The good news is that the Government appears determined to set it right – with an aggressive push to the National Nutrition Mission (NNM), rebranding it the Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition, or POSHAN Abhiyaan. It has the objective of reducing malnutrition in women, children and adolescent girls.

The Ministry of Women and Child (MWCD) continues to be the nodal Ministry implementing the NNM with a vision to align different ministries to work in tandem on the "window of opportunity" of the first 1,000 days in life (270 days of pregnancy and 730 days; 0-24 months). Global and Indian evidence fully supports this strategy, which prevents the largely irreversible stunting occurring by two years of age. POSHAN Abhiyaan (now referred as POSHAN 2.0) rightly places a special emphasis on selected high impact essential nutrition interventions, combined with nutrition-sensitive interventions, which indirectly impact mother, infant and young child nutrition, such as improving coverage of maternal-child health services, enhancing women empowerment, availability, and access to improved water, sanitation, and hygiene and enhancing homestead food production for a diversified diet.

NHFS data is a pointer

Data from the National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-5 2019-21, as compared to NFHS-4 2015-16, reveals a substantial improvement in a period of four to five years in several proxy indicators of women's empowerment, for which the Government deserves credit. There is a substantial increase in antenatal service attendance (58.6 to 70.0%); women having their own saving bank accounts (63.0 to78.6%); women owning mobile phones that they themselves use (45.9 % to 54.0%); women married before 18 years of age (26.8 % to 23.3 %); women with 10 or more years of schooling (35.7% to 41.0%), and access to clean fuel for cooking (43.8 % to 68.6%).

But, alarmingly, during this period, the country has not progressed well in terms of direct nutrition interventions. Preconception nutrition, maternal nutrition, and appropriate infant and child feeding remain to be effectively addressed. India has 20% to 30% undernutrition even in the first six months of life when exclusive breastfeeding is the only nourishment required. Neither maternal nutrition care interventions nor infant and young child feeding practices have shown the desired improvement. A maternal nutrition policy is still awaited.

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Despite a policy on infant and young child feeding, and a ban on sale of commercial milk for infant feeding, there has only been a marginal improvement in the practice of exclusive breastfeeding (EBF). Child undernutrition in the first three months remains high. Creating awareness on EBF, promoting the technique of appropriate holding, latching and manually emptying the breast are crucial for the optimal transfer of breast milk to a baby. Recent evidence from the Centre for Technology Alternatives for Rural Areas (CTARA), IIT Mumbai team indicates that well-planned breastfeeding counselling given to pregnant women during antenatal checkup prior to delivery and in follow up frequent home visits makes a significant difference. The daily weight gain of a baby was noted to average 30 to 35 grams per day and underweight prevalence rate reduced by almost two thirds.

Another key intervention

NFHS-5 also confirms a gap in another nutrition intervention – complementary feeding practices, i.e., complementing semi-solid feeding with continuation of breast milk from six months onwards. Poor complementary feeding is often due to a lack of awareness to start feeding at six to eight months, what and how to feed appropriately family food items, how frequently, and in what quantity. The fact that 20% of children in higher socio- economic groups are also stunted indicates poor knowledge in food selection and feeding practices and a child's ability to swallow mashed feed. Where are we going wrong?

So, creating awareness at the right time with the right tools and techniques regarding special care in the first 1,000 days deserves very high priority. We must act now, and invest finances and energy in a mission mode. The Prime Minister can give a major boost to POSHAN 2.0, like he did to Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan, using his 'Mann Ki Baat' programme.

There is a pressing need to revisit the system spearheading POSHAN 2.0 and overhaul it to remove any flaws in its implementation. We need to see if we are using opportunity of service delivery contacts with mother-child in the first 1,000 days to the optimum, There is a need to revisit the nodal system for nutrition programme existing since 1975, the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) under the Ministry of Women and Child and examine whether it is the right system for reaching mother-child in the first 1000 days of life. By depending on the ICDS, we are in fact missing the frequent contacts with pregnant mothers and children that the public health sector provides during antenatal care services and child immunisation services, There is also a need to explore whether there is an alternative way to distribute the ICDS supplied supplementary nutrition as Take- Home Ration packets through the Public Distribution (PDS) and free the anganwadi workers of the ICDS to undertake timely counselling on appropriate maternal and child feeding practices.

We need to systematically review the status, and develop and test a new system that would combine the human resource of ICDS and health from village to the district and State levels. This would address the mismatch that exists on focussing on delivery of services in the first 1000 days of life for preventing child undernutrition by having an effective accountable system.

It is time to think out of the box, and overcome systemic flaws and our dependence on the antiquated system of the 1970s that is slowing down the processes. Moreover, mass media or TV shows could organise discourses on care in the first 1,000 days to reach mothers outside the public health system.

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On Telangana

The report, "Telangana needs twin-engine govt.: PM" (Page 1, July 4), is certainly a clear admission by the Prime Minister himself that Opposition-ruled States do not get the same support as National Democratic Alliance-ruled States. Such a statement is not only against federalism, which has been held to be a basic feature of our Constitution, but also exposes the hollowness of the leader's call for cooperative federalism.

What is worse, such statements in election-bound States, for instance, evidently amount to undue influence over voters, vitiating the need for free and fair elections.

S.N. SHUKLA,
Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

Courses and caution

Private universities in Karnataka have begun introducing new courses and subjects, the justification being that they are more relevant to the current job scenario ("Pvt. varsities introduce new courses and subjects, July 4). First of all, these courses are branches of the existing curriculum. When the basic curriculum itself lacks quality teachers in most colleges, where will colleges find qualified and experienced teachers for these courses?

This only seems to be a ploy by these universities to generate more revenue at the expense of quality. The onus is on the parents not to let their wards be misled by such courses and claims.

G. PADMANABHAN,
Bengaluru

Tackling rabies

The unexpected death of a girl student in Palakkad from rabies is shocking. Following this incident, there are some voices now demanding that all stray dogs should be culled. This is not a solution. Instead, people should be more vigilant about this disease and vaccination procedures. Municipal authorities must undertake a massive campaign to vaccinate animal at regular intervals. This must also be done in combination with dog sterilisation programmes. There also needs to be an audit of stray animals.

K.A. SOLAMAN,
Alappuzha, Kerala

■ The problem of stray dogs seems to be growing. It is not just bad roads that are a cause of road accidents. Stray dogs too have became a potential threat especially for bikers. Another serious problem is that stray dogs are often not vaccinated and are a source of rabies. Stray dogs must be caught and kept in shelters. They must also be vaccinated. The government needs to make provisions for a special fund to take care of dogs in shelters.

A. ROHAN,
Kudankulam, Tamil Nadu

The problem with our university vision

Instead of taking local conditions and market demands into account, India tries to ape the West

MILIND KUMAR SHARMA

The IIT Madras campus in Chennai . • VELANKANNI RAJ B.

It has now become an annual ritual in India to discuss the international rankings of higher education institutions (HEI) only when global ranking systems such as the coveted QS World University Rankings are announced. The QS World University Rankings rank HEIs on the following components: academic reputation (40%), employer reputation (10%), faculty student ratio (20%), citations per faculty (20%), international faculty ratio (5%) and international student ratio (5%). The international research network and employment outcomes were 0% for this edition.

While it is heartening to see that the number of Indian institutes among the top 1,000 globally has risen to 27 from 22 last year, and that the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, has moved up 31 places to emerge as the highest ranked Indian institute in the 2023 edition, there is no serious debate on the abysmal performance of Indian universities barring the Institutes of Eminence (IOE). IOEs occupy a special place as they are granted more academic and administrative autonomy, and public IOEs get additional funding. Therefore, their dominance in the top 500 in the QS World University Rankings comes as no surprise.

Step-motherly treatment

Among the other HEIs too, there is great inequality. As per the All-India Survey on Higher Education (2019-20), 184 of the 1,043 HEIs in the country are centrally funded institutions. The Indian government generously allocates financial resources to these institutions. However, the financial support provided by State governments to State HEIs is far from adequate even though the number of under-graduate students is largest in State public universities (13,97,527) followed by State open universities (9,22,944) of the total students' enrollment. State-sponsored HEIs barely manage to pay salaries and pensions.

While the number of universities increased by almost 30.5% in 2019-20 compared to 2015-16, academic and administrative infrastructure has not been strengthened commensurate to this growth. The lackadaisical attitude we see in filling up faculty positions has further worsened the quality of teaching and research in HEIs. In fact, quality education and the world class research output that policymakers expect from State public universities remain elusive as these HEIs have never had financial and other resources to attain academic and professional growth.

On the other hand, the institutions that are generously funded by the Centre perform better than their State-sponsored counterparts on all academic performance indicators – faculty strength, modernised laboratories, building infrastructure, digitised libraries, sponsored research project grants, computing facilities, etc. Therefore, that the State-funded HEIs would not perform well in these rankings was a forgone conclusion. It is a consequence of the unequal and unfair system in the Indian higher education system, where State-sponsored HEIs are provided step-motherly treatment and positioned poorly vis-à-vis centrally funded institutions. No ranking system seems to rationally rank institutions after examining their administrative challenges, infrastructural constraints and financial predicaments; they only pay attention to performance metrics based on academic strengths and other achievements. For India to perform better on these rankings, we need to pay more attention to the State HEIs.

The NEP vision

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has envisaged all HEIs to become multidisciplinary institutions by 2040. The aim is to increase the Gross Enrolment Ratio in higher education, including vocational education, from 26.3% in 2018 to 50% by 2035. The NEP also aims to ensure that by 2030, there is at least one large multidisciplinary HEI in or near every district. This means that single-stream specialised institutions will eventually be phased out.

However, the fact that prominent multidisciplinary universities such as Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi University, the University of Hyderabad, and Jamia Millia Islamia have slipped in the QS World University Rankings should compel national think tanks to revisit the NEP's proposal in this regard. A close study of the QS World University Rankings reveals that single-stream specialised HEIs such as the Indian Institutes of Technology and IISc have performed better than their multidisciplinary counterparts. Eight IITs (Delhi, Bombay, Madras, Kanpur, Kharagpur, Roorkee, Guwahati and Indore) are placed among the top 500 globally, in addition to IISc, Bangalore. IIT-Indore ranked highest among the second-generation IITs by securing the 396th position and IIT-BHU made its maiden presence in the 651-700 band.

A plan in the NEP for multidisciplinary education and research universities is also being contemplated in order to achieve the highest global standards in quality education. While everyone is demanding multidisciplinary education, the performance of the specialised HEIs in the QS World Rankings bears testimony to their superiority over multidisciplinary/multi-faculty institutions. The idea of converting a specialised institution into a multi-faculty university does not seem to augur well for an economy driven by specialist professionals. It would be perplexing if the IITs decided to offer courses in physical education and medicine or the National Law Universities ran undergraduate degree programmes in mechanical engineering.

It is crucial to emphasise here that nobody is averse to the idea of multidisciplinary/multi-faculty education if there is a 15% to 20% flexibility in the total academic strength. But converting all HEIs into multidisciplinary institutions is not an idea that holds water given the unique conditions and demands in India. No study or data support the idea of transforming specialised institutions into multidisciplinary/multi-faculty universities either. Such an idea may have worked in the West where HEIs invest substantial resources in multidisciplinary research through private and public research grants and funding. But a 'one size fits all' approach may not be of help to India. The need of the hour is to build and develop our higher education system while taking into account Indian conditions and market demands.

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Right intent, confusing content

The core changes proposed by the Draft E-waste Management Rules require careful deliberation

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Last month marked a decade since the E-waste (Management and Handling) Rules came into effect in India. The Rules have been amended a few times since. The most recent amendment is the Draft E-waste Management Rules, 2022, released for public comments in May 2022 by the Environment Ministry. Despite retaining the underlying extended producer responsibility (EPR) framework, the new draft Rules depart significantly from the previous regulations.

E-waste market

One major change is the introduction of a market for e-waste recycling certificates. The draft rules state that producers of e-goods have to ensure that at least 60% of their produced e-waste is recycled by 2023. This shift from collection rate targets (which set targets for the collection of e-waste as a percentage of the quantity of products sold by weight in the market in the previous year) in the current Rules to recycling rate targets in the proposed Rules is another important change.

The proposed market for e-waste recycling appears unrealistic. First, large-scale recycling of e-waste is still in its infancy in India. Most of the recycling of valuable material is carried out within the informal sector using inefficient and unsafe technologies. At a time when the technical feasibility and commercial viability of different recycling technologies and approaches for e-waste components is being worked upon in India, a target to recycle 60% of the e-waste generated in 2022-23 appears too optimistic. Second, if the regulatory targets were to create a vibrant market for recycling, the existing formal and informal players would have to play a crucial role. In light of this, the complete silence on regulating registered collectors, dismantlers, and producer responsibility organisations is puzzling. Who will ensure that these entities are carrying out their responsibilities in an environmentally safe manner? Or are these entities no longer covered under the EPR framework?

In addition, the informal sector accounts for a vast majority of e-waste processed in India. Most e-waste policy debates have centred around the integration of the informal sector into the formal systems. The proposed regulations, however, place the responsibility of such integration on the State governments without specifying what the incentives are for them to do this.

Experience from European countries suggests that recycling targets would likely be much more difficult for the regulators to monitor and enforce compared to collection targets. Does the recycling target apply to every component of an e-product or does it apply to its aggregate weight? This is important because the technological complexity and cost could vary by component. If it is by aggregate weight, as the Rules indicate, it could incentivise recycling of materials that are easy and inexpensive (plastics, copper, glass) to recycle as opposed to materials that are costly and technologically more difficult to recycle but perhaps have greater environmental footprint (rare earth metals). If the Ministry and the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) decide to go ahead with recycling targets, they should come up with guidelines on how the regulated entities must demonstrate compliance with the targets.

Steering Committee powers

The other major change is the introduction of a Steering Committee to oversee the "overall implementation, monitoring, and supervision" of the regulations. This Committee, for example, has the power to decide on the product-wise "conversion factor" that determines the value of the recycling certificate, specify how the environmental compensation fund could be utilised, resolve disputes, and "remove any difficulty in smooth implementation of these regulations." While such an institutional mechanism could provide more certainty in implementation, there is lack of representation in the Committee. The Rules propose the Chairman of the CPCB as the Chairperson of the Committee, which would include representatives of the Environment Ministry, the Electronics and IT Ministry, and the associations of producers and recyclers. But it is surprising that representation from science/academia and civil society organisations is not deemed appropriate.

The draft e-waste Rules propose a few positive changes, including expanding the definition of e-waste, more clearly specifying the penalties for violation of rules, introducing an environmental compensation fund based on the 'polluter pays' principle, and recognising the informal waste workers. The core changes it proposes within the EPR framework, however, require careful deliberation with all the relevant stakeholders before the Rules are finalised.

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STATE OF PLAY

A status check on battling graft

Over a year since the DMK assumed power, it is unclear how it is proceeding against "corrupt" officials

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While he was in the opposition, DMK leader M.K. Stalin would often say that once elected to power, his government would jail corrupt ministers of the AIADMK regime. It was not mere political rhetoric. In July 2018 and December 2020, Mr. Stalin met the then Tamil Nadu Governor, Banwarilal Purohit, seeking prosecution of Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami and others. On the latter occasion, he submitted a 98-page memorandum listing specific charges of corruption between 2016 and 2020 against Mr. Palaniswami, his Deputy O. Panneerselvam, and Ministers S.P. Velumani, P. Thangamani, R. Kamaraj, C. Vijayabaskar, R.B. Udhayakumar, and D. Jayakumar - in that order. Mr. Stalin said then that under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption (Amendment) Act, 2018, the Governor could himself take action against them. Before this, a few DMK leaders filed multiple complaints and petitions before law-enforcing agencies and courts to proceed against top AIADMK leaders. Citing the representations to the Governor, the DMK in its Assembly election manifesto promised to "establish special courts to handle such corruption cases."

With Mr. Stalin heading the government for over a year, there are calls for a status check on the promise to battle corruption. The Directorate of Vigilance and Anti-Corruption (DVAC) has so far gone after six former ministers: Mr. Velumani, Mr. Thangamani, Mr. C. Vijayabaskar, M.R. Vijayabhaskar, K.C. Veeramani and K.P. Anbalagan. The agency has not found it necessary to arrest anyone. There is no tangible action against the others even though Mr. Stalin believed he was levelling cogent allegations of serious and cognisable criminal offences against them. "A bare reading of these allegations would reveal and establish prima facie cases of acts of corruption, accumulation of assets disproportionate to known sources of income and other offences..., unlawfully influencing commercial tenders..., misappropriation of public funds, criminal breach of trust as a public servant and other offences under the Indian Penal Code 1860, etc.," he had told the Governor 18 months ago.

Observers point out that even a day before the Assembly polls, the DMK had sent a complaint to the Governor accusing Mr. Palaniswami, Mr. Panneerselvam and Mr. Udhayakumar of alienating 10.5 acres of government land in Chennai at a throwaway rate to a real estate developer causing an estimated ₹500 crore loss to the exchequer. What the DMK government has done in this case is unclear. There is no word on the formation of the special courts.

Contrasting this with 1996 when the DMK captured power on an anti-corruption wave, observers recall how former Chief Minister Jayalalithaa was arrested within six months and three special courts were established to try 46 cases of corruption against her, former ministers, and IAS and IPS officers. It was this action that led to Jayalalithaa being unseated as Chief Minister in 2001 and 2014.

Last November, the DVAC said it found evidence to arraign as co-accused 12 officials in the case registered against Mr. Velumani. Anti-corruption activists and political parties have asked why the government has not sanctioned their prosecution yet.

The government is also facing criticism for using different yardsticks in dealing with "corrupt" officials. It has arrested some while merely transferring a Deputy Transport Commissioner from whose office the DVAC seized ₹35 lakh of unaccounted cash. Also, a section is disillusioned at the presence of some members in the Stalin cabinet against whom the DMK had previously initiated cases or demanded prosecution on corruption charges. Perhaps, it is time for the Chief Minister to walk the talk.

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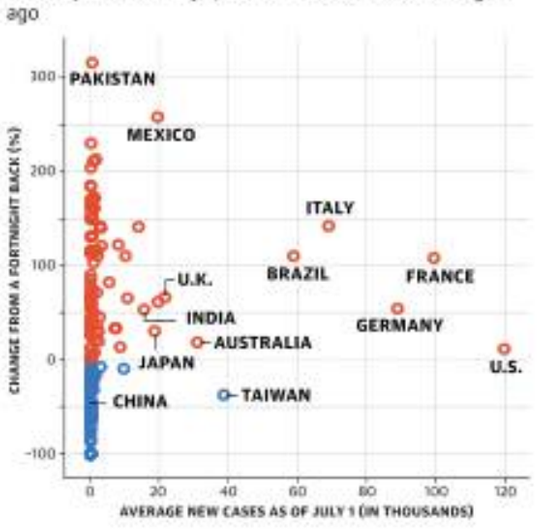
DATA POINT

Dissecting the recent COVID-19 wave

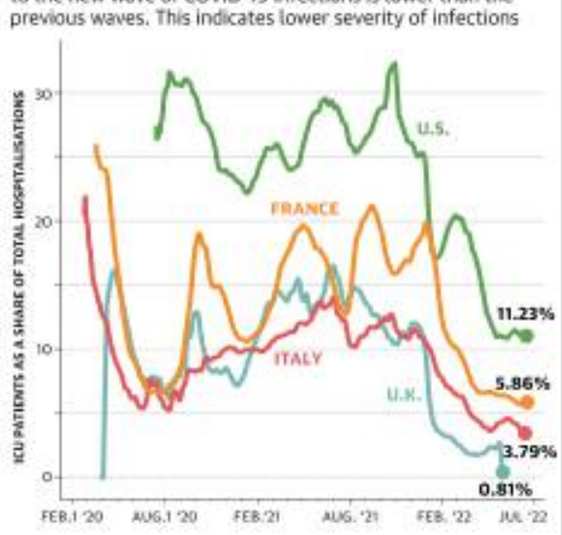
In at least 93 nations, the average number of new COVID-19 cases is rising. The U.S. is leading the list with the seven-day average of new cases nearly touching 1.2 lakh cases as of July 1, a 12% increase from a fortnight ago. Italy and Brazil have recorded more than a 100% increase in cases from a fortnight ago. However, the severity of cases seems to be lower in this wave. The share of patients in ICUs is relatively low compared to what we saw in the previous waves in select high-burden countries. In most countries, the BA.2 sub-variant of Omicron is still the leading sub-variant responsible for most cases. Except the U.S., at least 50% of the population have received their booster shots in other high-burden countries.

By **Rebecca Rose Varghese and Vignesh Radhakrishnan**

Cases creeping up again | The chart shows the average new cases as on July 1 and the % change from a fortnight ago. In Germany, for instance, 88,788 average new cases were reported on July 1, a 55% increase from a fortnight ago



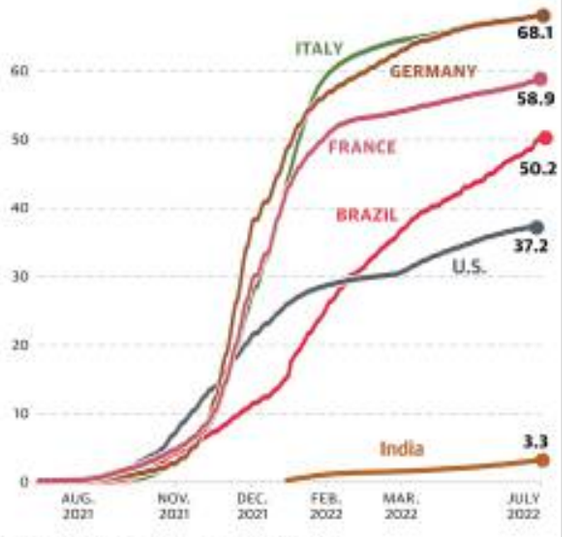
Small threat? | The chart shows the number of ICU patients as a share of the total patients hospitalised in select high-burden countries. The share of ICU patients due to the new wave of COVID-19 infections is lower than the previous waves. This indicates lower severity of infections



Variants of concern | The table shows the share of Omicron lineages and sub-lineages responsible for COVID-19 cases in India and in select countries. The BA.2 and its sub-lineages are responsible for a majority of the infections in the ongoing wave

Lineage	U.S.	France	Italy	Germany	Brazil	India
BA.1					3	
BA.1.1					5	
BA.2	20	48%	53%	52%	59%	32%
BA.2.10						4
BA.2.11		1				
BA.2.12.1	55	3	2	3	2	5
BA.2.18		1				
BA.2.23						1
BA.2.3	4		3		3	
BA.2.36		3		2		
BA.2.38						26
BA.2.40.1						1
BA.2.9	3	11	11	16	5	
BA.4	3	3	7	2	2	1
BA.5	4	5	9	9	3	4
BA.5.1	1	11	5	4	6	

Booster progress | The graph shows the COVID-19 vaccine boosters administered per 100 people in India and in select countries. Except the U.S., at least 50% of the population in other countries have received booster doses



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FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO JULY 5, 1972

S.&N. Korea agree on reunification

Tokyo, July 4: As a result of secret negotiations held in Seoul and Pyongyang recently, South and North Korea to-day announced the first major breakthrough since the Korean war of 20 years ago towards a peaceful reunification of the divided country. A comprehensive joint communique released simultaneously by both sides this morning shows that they have reached an important and far-reaching agreement on a wide range of subjects all intended to bring about the main goal of reuniting the country which has remained divided ever since 1945. The most important point in the joint communique is the fact that North Korea, as well as South Korea, have solemnly agreed to renounce the use of force to bring about the mutually desired goal of reunification which is to be sought through peaceful negotiations. This is a major achievement because this is the first time that North Korea has formally agreed to renounce the use of force to bring about reunification. The agreement followed the visit paid to North Korean capital of Pyongyang by the Director of South Korea's Central Intelligence Agency, Mr. Hu Rak-Lee from May 2 to 5 last which was reciprocated by a visit to Seoul of North Korea's Second Vice Premier, Mr. Sung Chul Pak, acting on behalf of the Director of Organisation and Guidance Department, Mr. Young Joo Kim from May 29 to June 1.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO JULY 5, 1922

Palestine mandate

London, July 3: A white paper published contains a letter from the Secretary of Cabinet to the Secretary-General of the League of Nations, in reply to a recent communication, from Cardinal Gaparri, Papal Secretary of State, which contended that Jews would be given privileged and preponderating position under the Palestine mandate. The Cabinet's reply says that the Cardinal's letter is based on an important understanding of the measures which it is proposed to introduce into Palestine and encloses various documents relating to the mandate. The letter emphasises that the British Government has always contemplated that the status of all citizens of Palestine, should be Palestinian, and that the special position assigned to the Zionist organisation, does not imply any administrative functions. Ample safeguards adds the letter have been provided against the risk of any nationality or creed being subordinated to any other.

FROM PAGE ONE

Shinde wins vote, says he is with Sena

"But we fought the election with the BJP as it is our natural ally. How can we remain in alliance with the Congress and the NCP," Mr. Shinde asked.

He said the Sena was systematically weakened despite Mr. Thackeray being Chief Minister. "When my department was facing interferences, Sena workers used to come to me with their complaints and I listened to them. If the power I have is not beneficial to my party workers, then what is the use of it," he asked.

A politician, who rose from being the Sena branch head in Thane to Chief Minister, Mr. Shinde attributed his success to the trust bestowed upon him by his mentor and former Sena leader Anand Dighe. "We have not given up on the Hindutva of Balasaheb Thackeray and this has to be told aloud to everyone. What the BJP government did at the Centre, including about Article 370, is the agenda of our leader Balasaheb Thackeray. Because we were with the Congress and the NCP, we couldn't even praise Savarkar, we had to keep a Minister with Dawood links in the Cabinet [reference to Nawab Malik]. How can we tolerate this?" he asked.

Cong. moves against Rathore for fake video

Police complaints were lodged against them in Delhi, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh.

"Why are these people spreading this fire of hate all over the country? We ask the Prime Minister why he has converted MPs and former Ministers to 'two-rupee trolls'. The problem is those who peddle fake news get promotions in the BJP," Ms. Shrinate said. "Everyone knows what the current I&B Minister said during Delhi riots and he was promoted," she added.

The Prime Minister spoke for nearly half an hour at Hyderabad but did not make a single appeal for peace, she added. Targeting Mr. Rathore for sharing the doctored video on Twitter, Ms. Shrinate said if a former Union Minister attempted to spread fake news with the intention of disturbing communal harmony, it amounted to sedition.

"Peddling fake news on social media is one thing but using social media in cahoots with terrorists will not be accepted. At such a sensitive time in the country, how can they dare to spread a fake video involving Rahul Gandhi. Apart from fake news, this is also a conspiracy because even if Twitter posts are deleted, WhatsApp messages would remain in circulation and disturb peace," she said

The Congress also targeted the BJP over arrested Lashkar-e-Taiba militant Talib Hussain Shah, who was BJP Minority Morcha social media head in Jammu and Kashmir.

Centre gives direction on service charge to hotels

"Pricing of the product thus covers both the goods and services component. There is no restriction on hotels or restaurants to set the prices at which they want to offer food or beverages to consumers. Thus, placing an order involves consent to pay the prices of food items displayed in the menu along with applicable taxes. Charging anything other than the said amount would amount to unfair trade practice under the Act," the guidelines added.

"No hotel or restaurant shall add service charge automatically or by default in the bill. Service charge shall not be collected from consumers by any other name," ," the guidelines said.

Alt News gets back payment service

The spokesperson added, "We have extended our full cooperation to all stakeholders in the investigation and will continue to do so, as needed. Razorpay is a trusted company and we will always ensure transactions on the platform are safe and compliant with all laws and regulations."

This came shortly after Alt News issued a statement, declaring its account had been disabled and that it was looking for other payment gateways to receive donations. Hours after the July 2 hearing, where the Delhi Police first alleged violations of the FCRA, sources said Alt News received an email from Razorpay, informing that its account was being "temporarily suspended". In court, the police had submitted they were now also probing charges under Section 35 of the FCRA in the case against Mr. Zubair.

The police had said on Saturday "CDR analysis" and transaction records from Razorpay showed funds worth ₹2.31 lakh were sent to Alt News/ Pravda Media Foundation, in which either the mobile phone used was from outside India or the IP address was of foreign countries such as Pakistan, the UAE, Singapore, Syria, Bangkok, and the U.S.

'Dhyana Mandir to be built at Alluri birthplace'

Addressing a meeting at Chinna Amaram village in Kalla Mandal, Mr. Modi recalled the services of Alluri and other tribal leaders who sacrificed their lives in the freedom struggle. The sacrifices of the great leaders would be taken door-to-door. "We are celebrating the 125th Jayanthi celebrations of Sitarama Raju as part of *Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav*. I am fortunate to attend the celebrations along with his family members," he said.

Mr. Modi felicitated Alluri Srirama Raju, great-grandson of Alluri Sitarama Raju, and Bodi Dora, great-grandson of Mallu Dora, who participated in the freedom struggle.

"We are celebrating the 100 years of the Rampa rebellion which will be observed across the country. The memorials of Alluri will be constructed at Pandrangi and Chintapalli villages," the Prime Minister said.

Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy said, "Alluri Sitarama Raju has sacrificed his life for the nation at a young age and the country will never forget him."

Zubair taken to Sitapur for tweet on seers

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Alt News co-founder Mohammed Zubair was on Monday taken to Sitapur in Uttar Pradesh, where the local police formally arrested him in a separate FIR registered for calling Hindu seers Bajrang Muni, Yati Narsinghanand and Anand Swaroop "hatemongers" in a tweet.

In the last few months, all three of the above-mentioned Hindu seers have faced FIRs for alleged hate-speech against Muslims.

A local court in Sitapur remanded him to 14 days in judicial custody, which his counsel, Soutik Banerjee, said he will be serving in Tihar jail.

"He was asked to be produced before the Sitapur Court on Monday, where U.P. police formally arrested him," Mr. Banerjee said. The police have said that the Investigating Officer concerned will be questioning Mr. Zubair and will later take a call on whether they need his remand.

Two more arrested in Sidhu Moosewala murder case

Acting on a tip-off, Ankit and Sachin Bhiwani were nabbed by the Delhi police

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

More than a month after Punjabi singer Sidhu Moosewala was shot dead allegedly by members of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, the Delhi Police Special Cell has arrested two gang members, officers said on Monday.

The police said one of the accused was Ankit, 19, alias Chhota, was a sharpshooter from Sonipat in Haryana. Sachin Bhiwani, 25, the other arrested, gave shelter to the shooters.

H.G.S. Dhaliwal, Special Commissioner of Police (Special Cell), said Ankit was ambidextrous and fired at Moosewala with two pistols. "He was the closest to Sidhu Moosewala's vehicle while firing and is a close aide of the main shooter, Priyavrat, and hails from the same region as him," he said.

The police said that after killing Moosewala, Ankit kept changing his hideouts in Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and Delhi. "He was involved in two previous incidents of firing in April carried out on the directions of Lawrence Bishnoi," Mr. Dhalewal said.

"He was the youngest in the team of sharpshooters and was a Class 9 dropout. He had joined the gang only two months ago and was involved in two previous incidents of firing, one of which was intended to extort money from a realtor in Ganganagar in Rajasthan," a senior police officer said. The police said the accused persons had changed as many as 35 locations after the killing.

Special Commissioner of Police H.G.S. Dhaliwal addressing the media after the arrest of Ankit and Sachin Bhiwani. • PTI

Bhiwani, also a member of the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, has a criminal nexus across Haryana, Rajasthan and bordering areas of Punjab, the police said.

"Immediately after the murder, Bhiwani had provided shelter to the module of four shooters and helped them escape to Haryana, Rajasthan and other States and provided them shelter," the police said. A police source said Bhiwani was the "right-hand" man of Bishnoi and used to work with him on important operations.

"...Sachin Bhiwani had become the synonym of terror in Haryana and bordering areas of Punjab as he was engaged in the criminal activities on ground on behalf of Lawrence Bishnoi-Goldy Brar-Kala Jathedi," the police said. The police said that they got a tip-off on Sunday regarding two members of the Bishnoi gang coming to the ISBT in Delhi for "executing a heinous crime". Subsequently, a trap was laid and they were nabbed. On May 29, the Punjabi singer was shot dead allegedly by members of the Bishnoi gang in Punjab's Mansa district. On June 19, the Special Cell had arrested sharpshooters Priyavrat, Kashish and Keshav.

Nomination for V-P polls starts today

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DELHI

The process of filing nominations for the August 6 Vice-Presidential polls will start from Tuesday and go on till July 19. The term of incumbent Vice-President M. Venkaiah Naidu ends on August 10. The scrutiny of the nomination papers will be done on July 20 and the last date for withdrawal of candidature is July 22.

The process of filing nominations begins when the Election Commission issues a notification, calling upon the electors to elect the next Vice President.

The BJP-led NDA has a clear edge in the election, in which the members of the Lok Sabha and the Rajya Sabha, including the nominated ones, are eligible to vote. The electoral college in the polls comprises a total of 788 members of both houses of Parliament. The value of the vote of each MP would be the same - one - the EC said issued on June 29.

After arrest of LeT's Hussain, J&K police to widen probe

Police seized six sticky bombs, a pistol and three grenades

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Fresh recovery of arms and ammunition, even sticky or magnet bombs, based on the disclosure of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) "commander" Talib Hussain on Monday has forced the security agencies to widen the investigation beyond the three blasts that took place in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir this year. "The probe is on. We are investigating Hussain's role in other cases too," a senior official said.

Hussain, who worked with the BJP for several years in the district, had access to top leaders and party offices in the Jammu province. A BJP leader's house came under grenade attack in August 2021, in which a two-year-old child died. The police are working on the links of Hussain "within and outside the Valley" and "his role in the militant activities in the Pir Panjal Valley".

The police on Monday said they seized six sticky bombs, a pistol and three grenades in Reasi district following the disclosure made by Hussain, who, along with his aide Faisal Ahmed Dar from Pulwama, were arrested.

Sticky bombs are the latest acquisition by militants in Jammu and Kashmir. The magnetic bombs with timers can be attached to a target vehicle without being noticed. The police said a pistol, three grenades, two magazines of a Glock pistol, one magazine of a 30-bore pistol, one under-barrel grenade launcher, 75 rounds of AK rifles, 15 pistol rounds, four rounds of a 30-bore pistol and an IED remote with antenna were recovered from a hideout in Reasi.

Threat thwarted: Arms and explosives recovered from Draj village on Monday. • PTI

Sticky bomb attacks

In the Jammu province, one person was killed in a sticky bomb attack in Udhampur in March. Three persons were held in the case. An explosion inside a vehicle carrying pilgrims left four dead in Katra in May. The National Investigation Agency (NIA) is probing the incident. Sources said the use of sticky bomb in the incident was not being ruled out by the investigating agencies.

According to the police, Hussain was behind the three blasts in Kotranka town and Shahpur of Rajouri in March and April, which left four persons injured. The police described Hussain as "the mastermind of all terrorist activities in the Pir Panjal Valley" and the brain behind the "recruitment of locals from Rajouri". Two of his recruits were arrested in June.

Hussain had received three major consignments of arms and ammunition from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) in January, March and April "to revive militancy in the Jammu province", the police said.

Cong. stages protest over Hussain's 'links' with BJP

The Opposition party demanded a probe by NIA in the case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
JAMMU

The Congress held a street demonstration in Jammu on Monday and demanded a probe by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and a statement from Union Home Minister Amit Shah over the arrested Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) militant 'commander' Talib Hussain's 'links with the BJP'.

Carrying placards with the pictures of Jammu and Kashmir BJP president Ravinder Raina and LeT 'commander' Talib Hussain, scores of Congress leaders demanded a probe and a statement from the BJP leadership.

"The NIA should investigate the role of BJP leaders and their links with Hussain. His presence in the BJP not only posed a threat to the Amarnath Yatra but also to civilians. The BJP compromised with the nation's security," Congress spokesman Ravinder Sharma said.

Leading the protest rally, senior Jammu and Kashmir Congress leader Raman Bhalla said a thorough investigation should focus on what Hussain had access to and what reconaissance he did using his presence in the Bharatiya Janata Party.

'Act against terrorists': The Congress staging a protest against the BJP in Jammu on Monday. • PTI

"The BJP needs to answer why it is recruiting terrorists in its ranks. Why is the BJP silent? Why is the Union Home Minister Amit Shah silent and not issuing a statement, Mr. Shah too has a picture with Hussain," Mr. Bhalla asked.

LeT's Hussain and his aide, believed to be behind a number of attacks in the Pir Panjal Valley this year, were apprehended with the help of locals in Reasi's Tukson when they were hiding at a local villager's house on Sunday.

A viral picture indicated that Hussain from Draj Kotranka, Budhan, Rajouri, was appointed as IT and social media in-charge by the BJP's Minority Morcha, Jammu Province, in May this year. He also allegedly worked as a media coordinator for the BJP in Rajouri district.

However, Mr. Raina described Hussain's presence in the party as "a part of conspiracy hatched from Pakistan to target him and the party headquarters". But Mr. Raina admitted that Hussain introduced himself as a journalist and accessed his office for interviews several times.

"We came to know from the security agencies that Talib was a mole planted by Pakistan-based terrorists to target BJP headquarters and the leadership, including me. I also came to know that he had shared the pictures of the BJP headquarters with his handlers across the border and would keep a close watch on my movement in Poonch and Rajouri," Mr. Raina said.

Cases against journalists condemned

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Several journalists' bodies on Monday passed a resolution expressing concern over the cases registered against many journalists in the recent past. They requested the government to restore access of coverage of government events to the media as before "in the interests of a robust democracy".

Representatives of the Press Club of India (PCI), Delhi Union of Journalists, Indian Women's Press Corps, Indian Journalists' Union and the Working News Cameramen's Association attended the meeting, said a PCI statement.

"The recent arrest of the AltNews co-founder for cognisable offences is a case in point. AltNews as we all know has been at the forefront of exposing fake news. The arrest of its co-founder is what we understand based on exaggerated and trumped up charges. One the other hand, those who actually make hate speeches are moving around freely," it said.

Court adjourns Gyanvapi mosque case till July 12

Masjid panel challenged maintainability of Hindu side's suit

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

The district court in Varanasi on Monday resumed the hearing in the ongoing Gyanvapi Mosque-Kashi Vishwanath Temple civil dispute, with the Anjuman Intezamia Masjid Committee completing its submissions on all points raised by the Hindu plaintiffs in their suit.

District judge A.K. Vishvesha heard submissions from the masjid panel on its Order VII Rule 11 application challenging the maintainability of the Hindu side's suit and has now posted the matter for next hearing on July 12. Senior advocate Mumtaz Ahmed, representing the masjid panel, told *The Hindu* that they took the court through all the averments mentioned in the Hindu side's suit. "We will continue the rest of our arguments on specific legislation and other points of law on the next date of hearing," he said.

Advocate Vishnu Shankar Jain, who is leading the legal team representing the Hindu plaintiffs, said the Muslim side was arguing on "hyper-technicalities". "For example, they are saying that we have mentioned the incorrect police station in our suit, which I do not think is tenable."

A *shivling* was reportedly found inside the mosque.

Advocate Ranjana Agnihotri, a lawyer of the team representing the Hindu plaintiffs, said they would begin their submissions after the masjid panel concluded its arguments.

"Our submissions will counter the points raised by the masjid panel in their challenge to the maintainability of our suit," the advocate said.

Transferred by SC

The civil dispute was transferred to the District and Sessions Judge in Varanasi by the Supreme Court after the masjid panel challenged the civil court's decision to order a survey of the Gyanvapi mosque premises.

After the said video survey, parts of it were leaked in the public domain in violation of court orders, prompting the Hindu side to claim the discovery of a "*shivling*" on the premises. The masjid panel had disputed this saying the structure in question was a fountain part of the mosque's *wuzu khana*.

Mr. Vishvesha had directed that his court will first hear the masjid panel's plea challenging the maintainability of the suit and then get to the contents of the video survey. It had directed all parties to the suit to file their objections to the contents of the survey report, which has been filed.

Australia to give minerals to Indian EV makers

India will try to source lithium, cobalt

KALLOL BHATTACHERJEE
NEW DELHI

Australia is all set to supply critical minerals required for India's electric vehicles, solar power projects and other strategic areas, said Canberra's Minister for Resources and Minister for Northern Australia Madeleine King on Monday. Welcoming India's Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Coal and Mines Prahlad Joshi, Ms. King said Australia will commit $5.8 million to the three-year India-Australia Critical Minerals Investment Partnership.

"Australia has the resources to help India fulfil its ambitions to lower emissions and meet growing demand for critical minerals to help India's space and defence industries, and the manufacture of solar panels, batteries and electric vehicles," said Ms. King, following her first meeting with the Indian counterpart since the Albanese government was elected in May this year.

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, soon after his May 23 election victory, had participated in the Quad Summit in Tokyo along with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, U.S. President Joe Biden and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, where all sides pledged to focus on green and sustainable forms of energy. Australia's Defence Minister Richard Marles visited India during June 20-23.

Presenting the emerging outline of India-Australia collaboration in the critical minerals sector, Mr. Joshi referred to the recently signed MoU between Khanij Bidesh India Ltd (KABIL) and the Critical Minerals Facilitation Office (CMFO) of Australia that will try to source lithium and cobalt from Australia and said, "Both CMFO and the Indian JV KABIL will jointly fund the due diligence process with an initial total amount of U.S. $6 million. Once due diligence is completed and potential projects are identified, we will explore investment opportunities through different methods as envisaged in the MoU."

Congress plans Gujarat poll strategy

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The upcoming Gujarat Assembly election should not be pitched as a Congress versus Prime Minister Narendra Modi battle, top leaders of the Congress opined at a meeting of the party's task force on Monday.

Instead of personal attacks, the party should focus on the policies of the Modi government and failures of the State government. They are said to have discussed the emergence of the Aam Aadmi Party that could potentially dent the party's voter base in the State.

Sources said senior general secretaries Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, K.C. Venugopal, Randeep Surjewala, Ajay Maken, former Finance Minister P. Chidambaram and Congress poll strategist Sunil Kanugolu brainstormed about the party's prospects in a closed-door meeting that went on for over three hours.

In the 2017 Assembly election, on the back of the Hardik Patel-led Patidar Andolan, the Congress had given a scare to the ruling BJP by restricting its MLA strength to 99 and winning 77 seats on its own. However, since then Hardik Patel and several others have defected to the BJP.

NCP's Ajit Pawar to lead MVA in Assembly

On Monday, one more Shiv Sena MLA joined the ruling fold

ALOK DESHPANDE
MUMBAI

As the new government of Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis won the trust vote in the Maharashtra Assembly on Monday, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar was selected as the Leader of the Opposition.

Turning tides: Ajit Pawar being congratulated after he was appointed the Leader of the Opposition. • EMMANUAL YOGINI

Mr. Pawar said that he will work in an unbiased manner in his new position as the Opposition leader.

"We will support the government in schemes that will benefit the State but will also keep a check on government functioning," he said, adding that he will ensure that no Bill was passed without a discussion.

Faced with a challenge to steer the struggling Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), Mr. Pawar will have as his primary challenge keeping the Opposition flock together.

On Monday, one more Shiv Sena MLA – Santosh Banger from the Kalamnuri constituency in Hingoli district – joined the Shinde camp reducing the Opposition strength.

Earlier, in the day, the new government won the trust vote with 164 MLAs voting in its favour while 99 members voted against it.

The Opposition votes came down to 99 from 107 it had secured a day earlier during the election for the Speaker's post.

Two NCP MLAs, Sangram Jagtap and Anna Bansode, and seven Congress MLAs, former CM Ashok Chavan, Vijay Vadettiwar, Zeeshan Siddiqui, Dheeraj Deshmukh, Kunal Patil, Raju Awale and Mohan Hambarde, were missing during the vote.

Later Mr. Chavan and other MLAs claimed that they came late and the Assembly door was closed for voting as per the procedure by the time they arrived.

Additionally, the State Legislative Secretariat has acknowledged Mr. Shinde as the Shiv Sena Legislature Party leader and Bharat Gogawale as chief whip.

Notice to Sena MLAs

On Monday morning, Mr. Gogawale issued notice to 15 Sena MLAs who defied the party whip and voted against it during the Speaker's election.

The ruling side passed a resolution in Assembly expressing faith in the speaker.

"We did this because the Opposition had moved a no-confidence motion against the Speaker and they would have used this to prohibit him from taking action against those 15 members. Now that the House has passed a resolution expressing faith in Speaker, the said resolution by Opposition stands null and void," Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said.

SC to hear plea on new Sena whip

Petition on recognition of a Shinde camp member will come up on July 11

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to list on July 11 a petition filed by Uddhav Thackeray camp loyalist Sunil Prabhu, challenging Maharashtra Assembly Speaker Rahul Narvekar's decision to recognise the appointment of Chief Minister Eknath Shinde's man Bharat Gogawale as the new chief whip of the Shiv Sena.

The petition, mentioned before a Vacation Bench led by Justice Indira Banerjee, came just a day after the election of Mr. Narvekar, a BJP MLA, as Speaker.

Chief Minister Eknath Shinde with rebel Sena MLAs at the special session of the State Assembly. • EMMANUAL YOGINI

'No authority'

Formerly, amidst the dissent within the Sena which ultimately led to Mr. Thackeray's resignation as Chief Minister, Mr. Prabhu had been designated chief whip.

Appearing for Mr. Prabhu, senior advocate A.M. Singhvi argued that the Speaker had no authority whatsoever to recognise whips.

"This changes the status quo of proceedings before this court," Mr. Singhvi submitted.

But the Vacation Bench posted the case on July 11 along with other petitions, including challenges by the Shinde camp against disqualification notices issued by former Speaker and Mr. Narvekar's predecessor, Narhari Zirwal, on June 25 for defection and another filed by the Thackeray camp against the process leading to the Governor's order for a floor test on June 30.

"Let all of this come up together on July 11, 2022," the court said.

Mr. Narvekar, on Sunday, recognised Mr. Gogawale as the new chief whip of Shiv Sena.

The Thackeray regime had removed Mr. Shinde as the Sena Legislature Party leader and appointed Ajay Chaudhary in his stead along with Mr. Prabhu as chief whip. The Maharashtra Legislature Secretariat has now cancelled both these appointments.

New Indian envoys for key countries

Ruchira Khamboj to take over as Permanent Representative to United Nations

SUHASINI HAIDAR
MAHESH LANGA
NEW DELHI

Indian diplomacy is preparing for new faces in key countries this month, as several senior Ambassadors have retired.

India's Ambassador to Bhutan Ruchira Khamboj is taking over as the Permanent Representative to the United Nations, and India's High Commissioner to Bangladesh Vikram Doraiswami is likely to be the next High Commissioner to the U.K.

The two decisions are among the first few major postings with the new Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra's stamp on them, given that they indicate a higher profile for the neighbourhood as well.

The envoys will take over from T.S. Tirumurti in New York, and Gaitri Issar Kumar in London, both of whom retired at the end of June.

Ruchira Khamboj

Two other important postings are expected with India's Ambassador to Japan Sanjay Kumar Verma set to take over as the next High Commissioner to Canada, as India's outgoing High Commissioner Ajay Bisaria has retired. Two senior officers, including one who has been dealing with Quad negotiations, and an Ambassador in West Asia, are being considered for the post of Ambassador to Japan. Mr. Bisaria, who had managed India-Canada ties through a turbulent time, especially after a diplomatic freeze over Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's comments on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's handling of the farmers' protests, leaves Ottawa after a rapprochement was signalled last month at the Modi-Trudeau meeting on the sidelines of the G-7 summit.

Among the youngest

If confirmed, Mr. Doraiswami, a 1992-batch officer in his early 50s who has been in Dhaka since 2020, will be among the youngest High Commissioners to the United Kingdom, matching his counterpart U.K. High Commissioner to India Alex Ellis, who is also much younger than his predecessors. They will both be key in completing a Free Trade Agreement this year. Mr. Doraiswami was earlier posted as Ambassador to South Korea and Uzbekistan. Meanwhile, the Ministry of External Affairs has announced that Virendra Kumar Paul, India's High Commissioner to Kenya, as the next Ambassador to Turkiye (formerly Turkey), and Vishvas Vidu Sapkal, the Joint Secretary (South) as the next Ambassador to Peru.

While the next envoys to Thimphu and Dhaka are yet to be finalised, India's Deputy Chief of Mission in Washington, Sudhakar Dalela, an experienced hand is tipped to return to the region, as are India's Ambassador to Vietnam, Pranay Verma, and Ambassador to Iran, Gaddam Dharmendra, who earlier handled the policy planning desk.

CM Mann expands Punjab Cabinet

Five new Minsters inducted in the first expansion

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHANDIGARH

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann on Monday expanded his Cabinet by inducting five MLAs as Ministers.

Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann with Governor Banwarilal Purohit and the newly inducted Ministers. • PTI

The Ministers took the oath of office and secrecy at a swearing-in ceremony held here. The oath was administrated by Governor Banwarilal Purohit at the Punjab Raj Bhavan.

The Ministers who have found a place in the Cabinet include Aman Arora, Inderbir Singh Nijjar, Fauja Singh, Chetan Singh and Anmol Gagan Mann.

It was the first Cabinet expansion of the Aam Aadmi Party government led by Bhagwant Mann, which stormed to power in State, around three months ago, after bagging 92 seats in the 117-member Punjab Assembly. With the induction of five fresh Ministers, the strength of the Punjab Cabinet has reached 15, including that of the Chief Minister.There are 18 berths in the Cabinet, including of the Chief Minister.

AAP spent ₹6.23 crore on Punjab campaign, Akalis ₹16.57 crore

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Aam Aadmi Party's central headquarters spent ₹6.23 crore on its successful campaign for the Punjab Assembly election held earlier this year, according to its expenditure report submitted to the Election Commission (EC).

The report, which was published by the EC on Monday, showed that the party spent ₹80.53 lakh, ₹78.81 lakh and ₹3.49 crore on the Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Goa Assembly elections, respectively.

In Goa, most of the expenditure was on advertisements – ₹2.43 crore.

The AAP's Punjab expenditure included ₹1.49 crore on publicity, ₹35.54 lakh on travel of star campaigners Arvind Kejriwal, Manish Sisodia and Raghav Chadha, and ₹91.58 lakh as cash payment to candidates. The party spent ₹16.31 lakh on the declaration of criminal antecedents of candidates, which is a requirement.

The Shiromani Akali Dal, whose expenditure report was also uploaded on the EC website on Monday, spent ₹16.57 crore on the Punjab Assembly campaign. Of this, the Akali Dal spent ₹13.19 crore on media advertisements, including print, electronic, bulk SMS etc. The All India Trinamool Congress declared spending of ₹40.77 crore for the Goa elections, of which ₹1.63 crore was spent on virtual campaigns, ₹6.76 crore on candidates, ₹3.38 crore on media advertisements and ₹4.76 crore on the travel of star campaigners.

Jadavpur University V-C is AIU President

JAGRITI CHANDRA
NEW DELHI

The Association of Indian Universities on Monday announced the appointment of Jadavpur University Vice-Chancellor Suranjan Das as its President.

Professor Das will be the Association's 101st President and takes over from G. Thiruvasagam.

He has won acclaim as a specialist in South Asian History and Politics, especially in the realms of identity politics, nation-building and Indian Foreign Policy.

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Name of Work : CWSS to 667 Habitations in Thiruvarur, Nannilam, Koradachery, Kottur, Mannargudi & Thiruthuraipoondi Unions of Thiruvarur District for Package-I & Package II under Jal Jeevan Mission fund – Extension of e-tender Notice – reg.
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1	The last date for Sale of Tender	09.07.2022 upto 5.45 P.M
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3	Date & Time of opening of Tender	12.07.2022 at 3.30 P.M

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The person shown in the photo named one HANEEFA age 50/2022, S/o Abdhul Khader, Thoppilpaambil House, Vedimara, N.Paravoor Ernakulam, Kerala has been missing from his North Paravoor THQ Hospital Canteen 20.05.2022 at 01.00 pm. In this regard a case in Cr. 561/2022 U/s 57 of KP Act was registered at North Paravoor Police Station. Any information is received about the missing person please inform in the following phone number.
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Bhim Army chief to be released

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
JAIPUR

The court of an Executive Magistrate here on Monday ordered the release of Bhim Army chief Chandra Shekhar Azad, who was arrested from a hotel in the intervening night of July 1 and 2, after he spent two days in judicial custody. Mr. Azad was arrested along with 21 others under Section 151 of the Criminal Procedure Code.

Mr. Azad had arrived here to support a protest called by the COVID Health Assistants, engaged by the State government on a temporary basis during the pandemic, demanding regularisation of their jobs. Mr. Azad and his associates were arrested to keep them away from the protest.

While the police have maintained that Mr. Azad was arrested as a preventive measure in view of prohibitory orders under Section 144 of CrPC being in force in the State following the murder of tailor Kanhaiya Lal, Dalit activist Dharmendra Kumar told *The Hindu* that the arrest was illegal.

India leading the world in digital revolution: PM

At Digital India Week, Modi launches multiple portals

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
AHMEDABAD

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said that India was leading the world in the digital revolution as the government's use of digital technology in welfare and governance delivery is changing the lives of the people of the country.

Narendra Modi

Mr. Modi launched multiple digital portals at the ongoing Digital India Week 2022, including a single sign-in portal *Meri Pehchaan*, Digital India *Bhashini*, Digital India Genesis, and a Chips to Startup (C2S) programme at an event at Gandhinagar.

"Around 10 years ago, we had to stand in queues for everything from getting a birth certificate, pay bills or getting rations from a shop to getting an admission in a school or college. Now, we have eliminated all lines while going online," he said in his speech after opening the Digital Week, 2022.

"The government's Digital India programme has given relief to the poor from corruption and it is working for elimination of middlemen in all fields," he said, adding that the digital technology in the welfare services and schemes have brought in transparency in the system.

Since 2014, more than ₹23 lakh crore has been transferred to beneficiaries through direct benefit transfer, or DBT.

With the digitisation of welfare delivery, around ₹2.23 lakh crore could be saved from going into wrong hands or middlemen, Mr. Modi said.

He emphasised the need to adopt technology or else remain backward as happened during the third Industrial Revolution when the country remained far behind other nations.

During his speech, he mentioned digital platforms such as Aadhaar, UPI, CoWIN and Digilocker that have contributed to "ease of living" as citizens get services online without going to the government offices and approaching middlemen.

"All programmes launched in Gandhinagar are going to strengthen ease-of-doing business and ease of living. They will give a fillip to India's start-up ecosystem. India can proudly claim that it is not just part of the Industry 4.0 Revolution but is actually leading it," Mr. Modi said after inaugurating numerous digital portals for various services.

He added that the government had launched a project of digital mapping of rural properties using drones and other such devices.

SC to list Agnipath case next week

Petition says scheme should exclude those who are undergoing selection process

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Monday agreed to list next week a plea challenging the Agnipath recruitment scheme to the armed forces.

In an oral mentioning made before a Vacation Bench led by Justice Indira Banerjee, advocate Kumud Lata Das, appearing for 31 Air Force aspirants, said the scheme should not be made applicable for those who are already undergoing the selection process.

Candidates run as part of physical test during an Army recruitment drive in Srinagar. • NISSAR AHMAD

The petitioners are awaiting their enrolment as airmen in the IAF in Group 'X' Trades (except education instructor) and Group 'Y' (except auto tech, IAF(P), IAF(S) and musician trades) for intake conducted by the Central Airmen Selection Board (CASB).

The advertisement for these posts was published in December 2019 and online forms were invited in January 2020. The provisional list of candidates was published in May 2021. Though the petitioners were shortlisted for selection, the recruitment did not take place due to certain administrative reasons.

However, the government had announced the Agnipath scheme, which reduces the tenure from 20 years to four, on June 14.

The petitioners argued that their recruitment should be done in accordance with the pre-Agnipath mechanism. They said that they were not responsible and are made to suffer the delay on the part of the authorities.

'Serious injury'

Earlier in June, days after the announcement of the Agnipath scheme, advocate M.L. Sharma had challenged the scheme, saying it would cause "serious injury" to citizens, the institution of the armed forces, and the country as a whole.

Mr. Sharma had urged the Supreme Court to declare the scheme notification issued by the Ministry of Defence on June 14 as "illegal, unconstitutional and *ultra vires*".

"On June 14, contrary to the constitutional provisions, without having approval in Parliament and without any gazette notification, the respondent [the government] quashed century-old Army selection process and imposed Agnipath scheme for recruitment in all three armed forces divisions and declared to start it from June 24, 2022," the petition had said.

Mr. Sharma had contended that the armed forces cannot discriminate with a policy which drops 75% of those inducted after a period of four years' service without even pension.

"After four years, out of 100% selected candidates for permanent commission in the Army, only 25% will be continued and the rest 75% will be retired. During the four years, they will be paid salary and perks. But after four years, these denied candidates will get no pension, etc.," Mr. Sharma had argued.

The petition had said that permanent commission meant service till retirement.

Mr. Sharma had claimed that the protests and violence, which followed the announcement of the scheme, were by a large section of the youth who were staring at a "dark future" and who were against seeing soldiering as a "contract job".

Saharanpur violence: eight released in absence of proof

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The court of the Chief Judicial Magistrate, Saharanpur, has ordered the release of eight of the 62 arrested in connection with the violence that took place in the city on June 10.

The court order, a copy of which is with *The Hindu*, reads that the inquiry of the investigation officer against the eight accused was faulty and they were produced in the court without any proper reasons and evidence.

Babar Waseem, the lawyer representing the accused, told *The Hindu* that the judge on July 2 had ordered the release of eight people, four of whom were seen being thrashed by the police in a video that went viral online.

"Can you imagine that the police thrashed these people so badly even when they had no proof against them. The cops have not listened to any of them even when they kept pleading not guilty and not having any role in the violence," Mr. Waseem said.

Prophet row

Violence broke out in Saharanpur on June 10 as people protested against the remarks made against Prophet Muhammed by two former Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) spokespersons.

Woman tortured, humiliated in Dewas

She was suspected of having an extramarital affair; husband, in-laws disrobed and paraded her

SHUBHOMOY SIKDAR
RAIPUR

A 30-year-old tribal woman was tortured and paraded by a mob, which included her husband and his parents, over a suspected extramarital affair in Dewas in Madhya Pradesh on Sunday.

In full public glare, the woman was partially disrobed, hit with a belt and thrashed by family and fellow villagers at Borpadav, where she resides. She was even garlanded with footwear and was made to walk carrying her husband on her shoulders.

A large crowd that witnessed the incident did not intervene and instead, some even cheered those torturing the woman while heckling her. They even shot the whole episode on phone. The video later went viral.

Not just the woman but her purported lover, Hari Singh Bhilala, was humiliated too and was garlanded with footwear. Video clips that surfaced also showed a man dragging the woman by her hair.

According to the police, the woman was living with her male friend for the past one week, after she had gone missing. Her husband and in-laws lodged a missing report at the local Udayanagar police station. On Sunday, she was traced to Bhilala's house.

According to Dewas Superintendent of Police Shiv Dayal Singh, after receiving the information, policemen reached the spot and rescued the woman, and Bhilala and brought them to the police station.

Based on Bhilala's complaint, a case was registered against the identified and unknown accused under various sections. Twelve accused, including the woman's husband have been arrested so far.

The incident comes a day after another tribal woman was set ablaze in Guna.

Former Chief Minister Kamal Nath targeted the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), citing incidents of atrocities against tribal people in the State. "The State government is indulging in political gimmick in the name of the tribals, but the condition of the community has deteriorated," he said.

The complicated legacy of Peter Brook

The British theatre directer known for his famous adaption of The Mahabharata died on Saturday

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MELBOURNE

"I can take any empty space and call it a bare stage. A man walks across this empty space whilst someone else is watching him, and this is all that is needed for an act of theatre to be engaged."

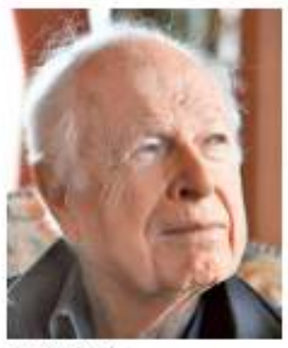
So begins *The Empty Space* (1968) by the British theatre director Peter Brook, who died on Saturday, aged 97. He was famous for his adaptation of *The Mahabharata*.

Brook's goal, as he put it, was to work "outside of contexts", asking: "In what conditions is it possible for what happens in a theatre experience to originate from a group of actors and be received and shared by spectators without the help and hindrance of [...] shared cultural signs and tokens?"

In 1979, Brook took his international troupe on a trip through Africa, presenting *The Conference of the Birds*, a play based on a 12th Century Persian poem, to audiences with whom they expected to have nothing in common.

This phase of what came to be called intercultural theatre culminated in a famous adaptation of *The Mahabharata*.

Premiering at the Avignon festival in 1985 with a cast drawn from many cultures and theatrical traditions, the


Peter Brook

drama was praised by critics for its beauty and limpid theatricality of the production. However, it also triggered a critical backlash.

As Australians well know, there are no "empty spaces" that are simply there for the taking. There are no cultural forms that exist "outside of contexts".

Brook was not naive about this, but he struggled to square local particularity with his universalist instincts. He acknowledged the *Mahabharata* "would never have existed without India", yet at the same time, stated "we had to avoid allowing the suggestion of India to be so strong as to inhibit human identification to too great an extent."

For a growing number of critics, this was not only intellectually unsustainable, but compounded historical wrongs.

In 1990, the Indian theatre scholar Rustom Bharucha published *Theatre and the World*, a broadside against western appropriations of Asian theatrical forms. Bharucha accused Brook of trivialising and decontextualising Indian culture, and exploiting Indian performers.

The *Mahabharata* would mark a significant shift in how intercultural collaborations would be approached in future: greater attention being paid to who has the right to represent what, and how the material and intellectual resources in any given production are distributed.

Tarun Majumdar, veteran filmmaker, passes away at 91

He had won the national award for best film four times

SHIV SAHAY SINGH
KOLKATA

Veteran filmmaker Tarun Majumdar passed away in Kolkata on Monday. He was 91 and had been undergoing treatment at the State-run SSKM hospital since June 14.

The filmmaker was put on ventilator support on Sunday, when his health deteriorated and he breathed his last at 11.17 am on Monday.

Tarun Majumdar

Mr. Majumdar was among the last of the great film directors from West Bengal who created a niche of their own, beyond the trinity of cinema legends such as Satyajit Ray, Mrinal Sen, and Ritwik Ghatak.

The filmmaker is a four-time National Award winner and a Padma Shri awardee.

He directed his first film *Chawa Pawa* (1959), starring Uttam Kumar and Suchitra Sen, when he was only 27 years old.

Mr. Majumdar then joined the directorial team Yatrik, which also included Sachin Mukherji and Dilip Mukherji. In 1962, the team came out with *Kancher Swarga*, which won the National Award for the best feature film in Bengali.

He will also be remembered for the aesthetic picturisation of songs in his films, particularly the use of *Rabindra Sangeet*.

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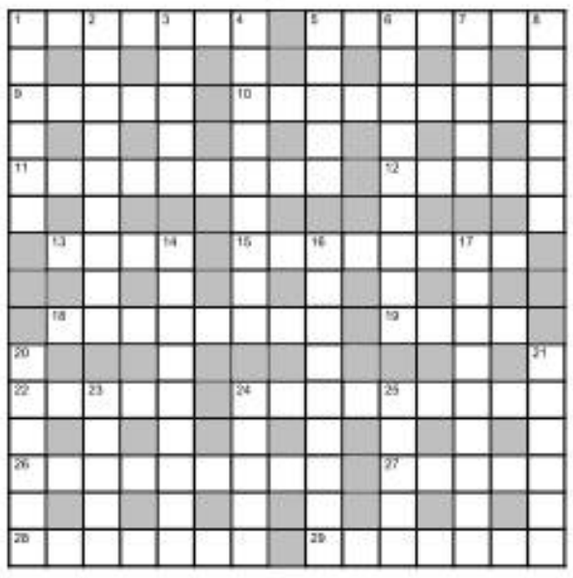

Across

1 Spindle diameter provided, allowing fast rotation (7)
5 Food stuff for bringing happiness, force to go on top (7)
9 Searches for information, don't go for looks (5)
10 Mugwort's 'rocking times' presented in song (9)
11 After midnight some stay outside, it's not for you girls! (4,5)
12 Note in plain envelope, it may be lighter (5)
13 Singing star eager to return (4)
15 Girl and boy share a place in France (8)
18 Broke after grabbing victory – cheeky! (8)
19 Call back while in remand (4)
22 Angry buccaneers exposed (5)
24 Coach daily, Bill will stop in the middle (9)
26 Maximum time, manoeuvre as to admit them first (2,3,4)
27 Bird can see rat's tail in mud (5)
28 Sea creature – one to checkmate in the middle of sea (7)
29 Venerable old lady cooked, yearning to get inside (7)

Down

1 Complaint of a bribe (6)
2 Not universal address, it's a sudden evolutionary change (9)
3 He spun a yarn which made one sit up (5)
4 Newspaper in European country – L'Arome? (9)
5 Getting way up, fellow's very brave (5)
6 Stupid to unfairly blame the wet weather (9)
7 Get a serve in – that was a stunner! (5)
8 Spruce up cattle in the middle of tent (6)
14 Tom joins 8 to make reparation (9)
16 Pulled back from grass covered land (9)
17 Motherland's curse (9)
20 Entrance for working maids right inside (6)
21 Extremely systematic, they go from bottom to top with the mower (6)
23 Do as instructed in a London suburb (3,2)
24 Replicate 151 in other words... (5)
25 ...like, for example, value (5)

SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

Solution to puzzle 13599

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

God's grace over fate

All of us are aware that there are certain things beyond our control in our life. For instance, a farmer tills the land, sows seeds with the aim of reaping a good yield for his effort. The result will depend on his hard work no doubt. But there are many factors such as unforeseen natural happenings such as floods or heavy rains that may interfere with the expected yield. There is both human effort and Deivam or fate or external help in every endeavour.

In the Ayodhya Kanda, when Rama faces the exile order instead of the proposed coronation, He attributes this to Deivam, or Ishwara Sankalpa that controls the life of all beings, pointed out Sri B. Damodhara Dikshitar in a discourse. Deivam here is used to refer to this unseen but powerful force that sways the course of life. It is that which comes unexpectedly. No one can oppose Deivam. Else why should Kaikeyi, who had showered wholehearted love for Him all along, have taken such an antagonistic stance against the coronation? He does not blame her or Dasaratha but shifts the reason to the work of fate or destiny.

But Lakshmana rejects this explanation and says he will not be deluded to believe in destiny as he has more faith in his kshatriya principles. He claims he can change this scenario and foil the attempt of Kaikeyi to secure the kingdom for Bharata. Lakshmana says that it is not right on our part to sit back and allow Deivam to move our life and that every effort to counter its effects is man's duty.

Rama corrects him and says Deivam is not God but it is controlled by God. God is supreme and He is karma phala data, the one who allots the fruits of every being's individual karma. It is important to abide by dharma in all situations and seek His grace.

Sweden and Finland hold NATO talks

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
BRUSSELS

The Foreign Ministers of Sweden and Finland were holding talks with NATO on Monday on formally starting the process to join the military alliance.

The negotiations, led by Swedish Foreign Minister Ann Linde and Finnish counterpart Pekka Haavisto, were made possible after existing NATO member Turkey last week dropped objections.

Ambassadors from NATO's 30 member states were on Tuesday expected to sign the accession protocols for Sweden and Finland, opening a months-long period for alliance countries to ratify their membership.

In the wake of Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February, Sweden and Finland in parallel announced their intention to drop their military non-alignment status and become part of NATO.

Putin orders Russians to fight on

It will cost $750 bn to rebuild the war-shattered country, Ukraine tells world leaders

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
SLOVIANSK

President Vladimir Putin on Monday ordered Russian troops to press their offensive deeper into the Donbas region of eastern Ukraine after Moscow's forces seized the strategic city of Lysychansk.

Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu told Mr. Putin at a meeting that Moscow's forces were now in full control of the Luhansk region.

In a sign there would be no let-up in the fighting and that Russia now had its eyes on the entire Donetsk region, Mr. Putin told Mr. Shoigu that troops stationed there must continue their operations. "Military units, including the East group and the West group, must carry out their tasks according to previously approved plans," Mr. Putin said. "I hope that everything will continue in their direction as has happened in Luhansk so far."

The Ukrainian Army said on Sunday it was retreating from Lysychansk to preserve the lives of its troops who were outnumbered and outgunned by Russian forces.

Risky ride: A cyclist riding past the tail section of a rocket embedded on a road in Kramatorsk on Monday. • AFP

Cosmonauts celebrate Luhansk capture

Cosmonauts aboard the International Space Station on Monday celebrated Russia's capture of Luhansk. Roscosmos, the Russian space agency, posted pictures of cosmonauts Oleg Artemyev, Denis Matveev and Sergei Korsakov smiling as they held up flags of Russia's proxies in eastern Ukraine, the self-proclaimed Luhansk People's Republic and Donetsk People's Republic. REUTERS

More weapons

With the war now well into its fifth month, Ukraine told a reconstruction conference in Switzerland on Monday that it would already cost $750 billion to rebuild the country.

"The key source of recovery should be the confiscated assets of Russia and Russian oligarchs," Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal told leaders of dozens of countries in Lugano.

In a video address, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky described rebuilding Ukraine as the "common task of the whole democratic world" and the "biggest contribution to the support of global peace."

The loss of Lysychansk over the weekend prompted Mr. Zelensky to step up calls for an increased supply of weapons from the West so Kyiv can keep up the resistance and regain lost territories.

After giving up on its initial war aim of capturing Kyiv following tough Ukrainian resistance, Russia has focused its efforts on securing control of the Donetsk and Luhansk areas which make up the Donbas region.

The capture of Lysychansk – a week after Ukraine retreated from the city of Severodonetsk – frees up Russian forces to advance on Kramatorsk and Sloviansk in Donetsk.

Six killed, 24 injured in U.S. July 4 parade shooting

Suspect likely fired on the festivities from a rooftop, say police

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HIGHLAND PARK

At least six people were killed and 24 injured in a shooting at a July Fourth parade in the Chicago suburb of Highland Park, the police said on Monday, adding that officers were searching for a suspect who likely fired on the festivities from a rooftop.

Highland Park Police Commander Chris O'Neill, the incident commander on scene, urged people to shelter in place as authorities searched for the suspect, described as a white male wearing a white or blue T-shirt.

Lake County Major Crime Task Force spokesman Christopher Covelli said at a news conference that the gunman apparently opened fire on parade-goers from a rooftop using a rifle that was recovered at the scene. He didn't know which building.

First responders: Security personnel reaching the scene of the shooting in Highland Park, Illinois. • AFP

Mr. Covelli said the police believed there was only one shooter and warned that he should still be considered armed and dangerous.

He and Mr. O'Neill described the shooting as random.

Hundreds of parade-goers – some visibly bloodied – fled the parade route after shots rang out, leaving their belongings behind. As of early afternoon, ominous signs of a joyous event suddenly turned to horror filled both sides of Central Street where the shooting occurred.

Dozens of baby carriages, some bearing American flags and children's bikes were left behind in their haste. Blankets, lawn chairs and water bottles were knocked over as people fled.

Copenhagen shooting suspect sent to mental health facility

22-year-old acted alone; motive likely not terror-related

ASSOCIATED PRESS
COPENHAGEN

A gunman who killed three people when he opened fire in a crowded shopping mall in Copenhagen acted alone and apparently selected his victims at random, the Danish police said Monday, all but ruling out that the attack was related to terrorism.

Authorities filed preliminary charges of murder and attempted murder against a 22-year-old Danish man, who will be held for 24 days in a secure mental health facility while authorities investigate the crime, prosecutor Søren Harbo told reporters.

After the custody hearing, defence lawyer Luise Høj said she agreed to have her client undergo a mental exam. She did not comment on the charges. The police have said the man was known to mental health service without elaborating.

The police have not identified a motive for Sunday's attack inside one of Scandinavia's biggest shopping centres. The suspect, carrying a rifle and knife, was quickly arrested, and Copenhagen chief police inspector Søren Thomassen said the man also had access to another gun. He said the firearms were obtained illegally but gave no further details.

"It was the worst possible nightmare," Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen said on Monday, calling the attack "unusually brutal".

Myanmar hosts first regional meeting since coup

China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi and counterparts from Mekong Delta nations take part

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BANGKOK

Myanmar's military government on Monday hosted the first high-level regional meeting since the Army took power last year with China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi and counterparts from Mekong Delta nations.

State broadcaster MRTV reported that Mr. Wang met with his colleagues from Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam at the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation group meeting held under the theme "Solidarity for Peace and Prosperity" in the central city of Bagan, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Fresh link: The Foreign Ministers of China, Myanmar, Laos, Thailand, Cambodia and Vietnam in Bagan on Monday. • AP

The TV report showed Mr. Wang and the other Foreign Ministers bumping elbows in a show of solidarity before the start of the meeting, but did not provide further details.

The grouping is a Chinese-led initiative that includes the countries of the Mekong Delta, a potential source of regional tensions due to an increasing number of hydroelectric projects that are altering the flow and raising concerns of ecological damage. China has built 10 dams along the upper stretch of the Mekong, the part it calls the Lancang.

China has been criticised for the dams upstream on the Mekong river which affect water levels and downstream fisheries that are important to several Southeast Asian nations' economies.

Military government spokesman Maj. Gen. Zaw Min Tun said last Friday that the Ministers were expected to sign several agreements. He said that the presence of the Foreign Ministers was a recognition of Myanmar's sovereignty and its government.

China is Myanmar's biggest trading partner and an old ally. Beijing has invested billions of dollars in Myanmar's mines, oil and gas pipelines and other infrastructure and is its major arms supplier, together like Russia. Many in Myanmar suspect China of supporting the military takeover.

Protests in U.S. over shooting of Black man

Police release body camera footage

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
AKRON

Several hundred protesters marched on Sunday in Akron, Ohio after the release of body camera footage that showed police fatally shooting a Black man with several dozen rounds of bullets.

As anger rose over the latest police killing of a Black man in the United States, and authorities appealed for calm, a crowd marched to City Hall carrying banners with slogans such as "Justice for Jayland".

The slogan refers to Jayland Walker, 25, who was killed last Monday after officers tried to stop his car over a traffic violation, the police said.

Fourth day in a row

Sunday marked the fourth straight day of protests.

Demonstrations were peaceful but for a tense moment in which some protesters got close to a line of police and shouted at them.

A woman speaking into a megaphone outside Akron City Hall on Sunday. • AFP

After the first rally, a crowd of people remained in the street protesting as evening fell but it was in a less organized fashion. There were no reports of violence.

But fearing unrest, authorities in the city of 1,90,000 people moved snowploughs and other heavy equipment near the police department to serve as a barrier.

Al Jazeera journalist was likely shot by Israel: U.S.

But it wasn't intentional, says State Dept.

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
WASHINGTON

The United States said on Monday that Al Jazeera journalist Shireen Abu Akleh was likely killed by gunfire from Israeli positions but that there was no reason to believe her death was intentional.

The State Department also said the United States could not make a "definitive conclusion" on the origin of the bullet that killed her on May 11, which was handed over by the Palestinian Authority.

"Ballistic experts determined the bullet was badly damaged, which prevented a clear conclusion," State Department spokesman Ned Price said after what he called "extremely detailed forensic analysis" with outside examiners.

Abu Akleh's death provoked a furore, with the Palestinian Authority alleging a war crime, prompting angry denials by Israel, a close U.S. ally which President Joe Biden is visiting in two weeks.

Full access

The U.S. Security Coordinator (USSC), which directs security assistance to the Palestinian Authority in coordination with Israel, said that both sides granted full access to their own probes over the past several weeks.

"By summarising both investigations, the USSC concluded that gunfire from IDF positions was likely responsible for the death of Shireen Abu Akleh," the State Department said, referring to the Israeli Defense Forces.

"The USSC found no reason to believe that this was intentional but rather the result of tragic circumstances during an IDF-led military operation against factions of Palestinian Islamic Jihad," it said.

Pak. Army told to stay away from politics

Avoid interacting with politicians, General Bajwa directs commanders, officers

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ISLAMABAD

Pakistan Army chief General Qamar Javed Bajwa has issued fresh directions to his commanders and officers, including from the ISI, to stay away from politics after leaders of ousted Prime Minister Imran Khan's party alleged that some officials of the country's intelligence agency were trying to "manipulate" the upcoming by-elections in Punjab, according to a media report on Monday.

The Pakistan Army had earlier said it had nothing to do with politics and it would remain apolitical in the future as well.

Chief of the Army Staff General Bajwa has issued fresh directions to all his commanders and key officers to stay away from politics and avoid interacting with politicians, *The News* newspaper reported.

General Qamar Javed Bajwa

These directions have been given in the wake of Imran Khan-led Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf's propaganda against the military establishment alleging certain ISI officials of trying to manipulate the upcoming by-elections in Punjab to the disadvantage of the party, the report said.

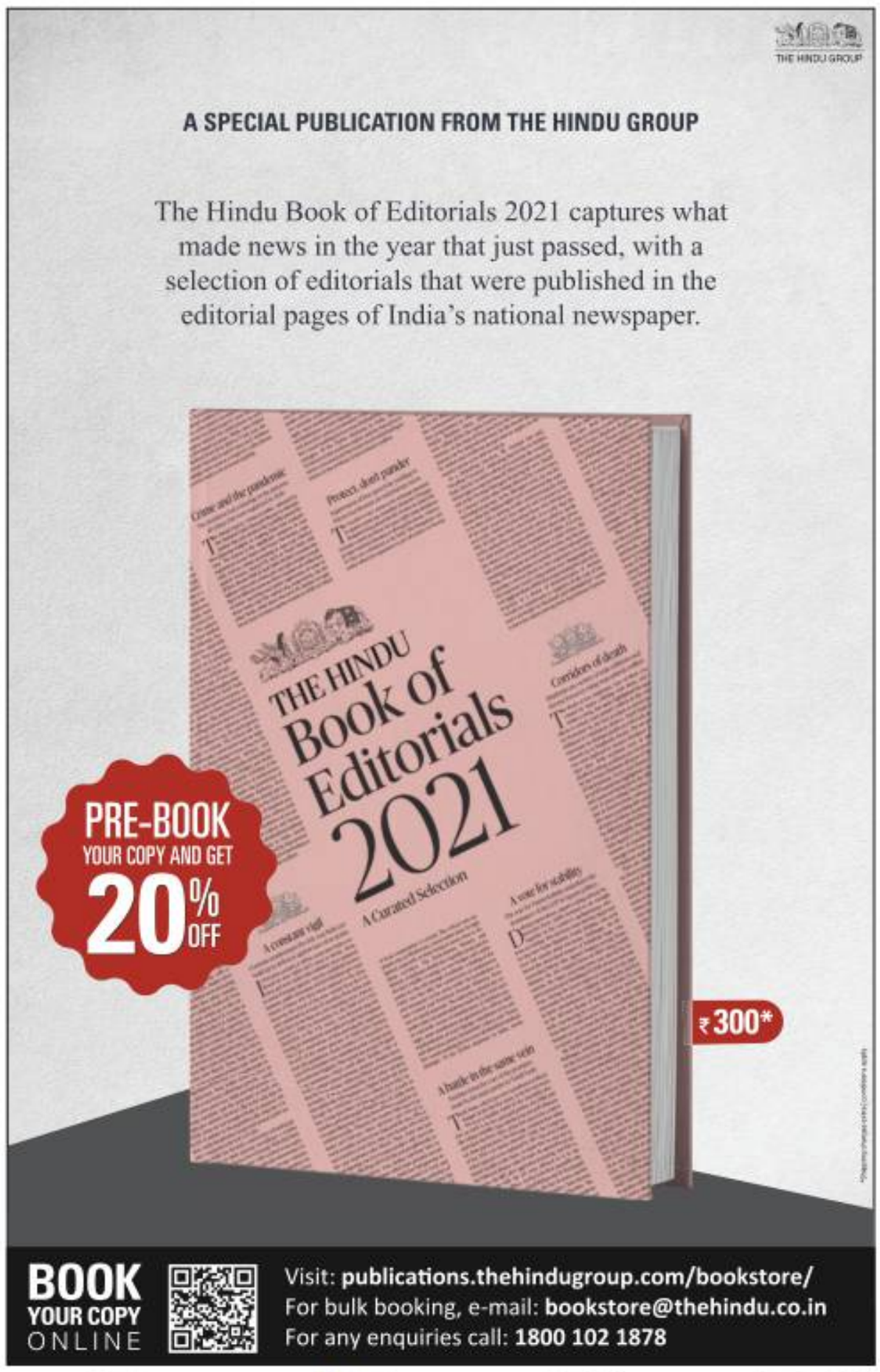
Defence sources lament that the ISI sector commander, Lahore, Brigadier Rashid, who is being maligned by the PTI leaders, is not even in Lahore for over a fortnight in connection with some of his professional work in Islamabad.

PTI leader and former Health Minister of Punjab Yasmin Rashid recently named the sector commander and alleged him of having been involved in politics to manipulate byelections in Punjab.

Former Foreign Minister and Deputy Chairman of PTI Shah Mehmood Qureshi had also alleged that some invisible forces are active to influence the byelections in the province against the party.

Recently, Mr. Khan also alleged that some of his candidates have complained to him of receiving telephone calls from unknown numbers. Months back, operatives of the country's top intelligence agency, the ISI, were strictly directed to stay away from politics.

The bypolls to the 20 vacant seats of Punjab Assembly will be held on July 17.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MARKET WATCH

	04-07-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	53,235	0.62
US Dollar	78.95	-0.01
Gold	52,048	1.14
Brent oil	113.52	–

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	682.00	4.10
Apollo Hosp	3770.10	33.95
Asian Paints	2790.30	17.15
Axis Bank	654.35	10.40
Bajaj Auto	3679.75	55.15
Bajaj Finserv	11388.30	65.75
Bajaj Finance	5630.30	15.90
Bharti Airtel	681.90	8.45
BPCL	316.35	-2.00
Britannia Ind	3700.45	116.10
Cipla	930.65	-18.65
Coal India	182.05	-1.20
Divis Lab	3639.55	2.00
Dr Reddys Lab	4354.45	-31.45
Eicher Motors	2796.40	13.60
Grasim Ind	1350.80	3.55
HCL Tech	984.60	9.25
HDFC	2216.85	6.30
HDFC Bank	1355.65	1.90
HDFC Life	574.30	8.85
Hero MotoCorp	2760.45	-3.35
Hindalco	340.50	-0.65
Hind Unilever	2375.20	92.85
ICICI Bank	720.10	16.20
Indusind Bank	832.00	24.80
Infosys	1488.00	8.60
ITC	291.90	7.55
JSW Steel	551.50	-27.35
Kotak Bank	1870.90	3.15
L&T	1581.70	9.55
M&M	1091.20	-16.35
Maruti Suzuki	8443.35	40.75
Nestle India Ltd.	17994.55	199.50
NTPC	141.40	0.75
ONGC	126.00	-5.05
PowerGrid Corp	210.70	4.20
Reliance Ind	2413.70	5.00
SBI Life	1117.65	17.80
State Bank	473.45	6.60
Shree Cement	19292.40	78.60
Sun Pharma	829.40	0.15
Tata Consumer Products Ltd.	730.15	10.60
Tata Motors	408.45	-4.25
Tata Steel	854.55	-18.30
TCS	3235.05	-80.05
Tech Mahindra	999.95	-10.75
Titan	1962.50	16.30
UltraTech Cement	5709.05	17.35
UPL	654.50	11.00
Wipro	420.30	-1.70

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on July 04

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	78.75	79.07
Euro	82.34	82.68
British Pound	95.75	96.14
Japanese Yen (100)	58.18	58.42
Chinese Yuan	11.77	11.82
Swiss Franc	82.00	82.37
Singapore Dollar	56.45	56.69
Canadian Dollar	61.28	61.54
Malaysian Ringitt	17.84	17.93
Australian Dollar	54.18	54.41

Source: Indian Bank

IN BRIEF

Yamaha unveils Fascino 125 Fi Hybrid in silver

CHENNAI

India Yamaha Motor (IYM) Pvt. Ltd. has unveiled a drum brake variant of the Fascino 125 Fi hybrid in silver colour at ₹78,098 (ex-showroom, Chennai). IYM introduced this colour scheme after gathering feedback from customers who wanted a colour option that was easier to maintain, the company said in a statement.

Chola, Kinetic Green ink pact for EV retail finance

CHENNAI

Kinetic Green Energy and Power Solutions Ltd. has partnered with Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Co. Ltd. (Chola) to offer retail finance for electric vehicles. The pact will enable customers to buy Kinetic Green range of battery-operated three-wheelers and electric two-wheelers in an easy and affordable manner, the company said in a statement.

Va Tech Wabag bags ₹430-cr. order from RIL

CHENNAI

Va Tech Wabag said it had secured a ₹430-crore order from Reliance Industries Ltd. towards engineering, procurement and construction of a desalination plant with capacity of 53 million litres per day at Jamnagar. The scope includes design, engineering, procurement, construction, supply and performance guarantee test run of the sea water reverse osmosis plant, the firm said in a statement.

'Office leasing more than doubled in April-June'

NEW DELHI

Gross leasing of office space more than doubled in April-June across six major cities to 14.7 million sq. ft on lower base effect and rise in demand from corporates, according to Colliers India. The gross leasing of office space stood at 5.6 million sq. ft in the year-earlier period, Colliers India said. Demand for housing as well as office was badly impacted in the April-June quarter of last year due to the second wave of the pandemic. PTI

Exports grow 16.8%, imports surge 51% widening trade deficit

Coal, gold purchases expand June trade shortfall to a new record of $25.63 billion

VIKAS DHOOT
NEW DELHI

India's merchandise trade deficit hit a fresh high of $25.63 billion in June as imports surged 51% to $63.6 billion, significantly outpacing the 16.8% rise in exports, preliminary trade data show.

The previous record trade gap was May's $24.3 billion.

While exports increased to almost $38 billion last month, overseas purchases of goods, including coal and gold, swelled imports.

Coal imports more than tripled, while imports of gold grew over 169% to exceed $2.6 billion. And petroleum imports rose 94.2%.

Slow lane: Four of India's top 10 export items, including engineering goods, saw a contraction last month. •K.R. DEEPAK

The value of non-petroleum imports was $42.84 billion in June, reflecting a growth of 36.4%, while non-oil and non-gold, silver and precious metals imports rose 31.7% to $36.7 billion.

"Despite an expected fall in the gold imports, the merchandise trade deficit widened further to a worrying $25.6 billion... with a sequential dip in exports and a rise in the non-gold imports relative to May," said ICRA chief economist Aditi Nayar.

"With a steady uptick in the size of the merchandise trade deficit over the course of the quarter, we expect the current account deficit to more than double to $30 billion in Q1 of 2022-23, from the modest $13 billion in the previous quarter," she said.

Key exports slide

Four of India's top 10 export items saw a contraction.

Engineering goods, a major growth driver in the last year, slid 1.6%, drugs and pharmaceuticals fell 1.3%, cotton yarn and handloom products shrank 22.5% and plastic and linoleum contracted 23.2%.

'Windfall tax to add to kitty by ₹1.3 lakh cr.'

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NEW DELHI

The windfall taxes imposed by the Centre on domestic crude oil production and fuel exports will hit ONGC's earnings severely while shaving off up to $12 per barrel in refining margins for Reliance Industries Ltd. The new levies will give the government up to ₹1.3 lakh crore revenue, brokerages said.

HSBC Global Research said in a note that the May 2022 cut in excise duty on petrol and diesel is estimated to have reduced government revenues by ₹1 lakh crore. "The additional excise duty... effective July 1, 2022 aims to fill this revenue gap. We estimate these taxes could generate ₹1.2 lakh crore in... revenue."

Govt. to review oil export tax on forex rate, oil price

It will reassess windfall tax fortnightly

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NEW DELHI

The government will review the just introduced windfall tax on domestically produced crude oil and fuel exports every two weeks based on foreign currency rates and international oil prices, but no levels have been fixed for its recall, top officials said on Monday.

Revenue Secretary Tarun Bajaj said the $40 per barrel level of oil prices being talked about for a rollback of the levy is unrealistic, considering the international oil rates currently.

"There is a way we will monitor it every 2 weeks, depending on the foreign currency rates and depending on where international prices are," Mr. Bajaj said.

"What is the dollar to rupee, the international price of diesel, crude, what is the domestic cost of crude, we'll keep reviewing it. You can decipher it yourself once we review it."

The government last week slapped an export tax on petrol, diesel and jet fuel (ATF) and imposed a windfall tax on crude oil produced locally.

Govt. said to hold firm on deficit target

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NEW DELHI

India's macroeconomic fundamentals were strong enough to deal with global challenges, official sources said on Monday, adding that the central government was committed to sticking to the fiscal deficit target of 6.4% of the GDP for the current fiscal.

The government was taking steps to deal with the spiralling crude oil prices in the international market, the sources said.

India meets close to 85% of its oil demand through imports and a weaker rupee makes imports costlier.

Prices of commodities, including crude oil, are ruling high due to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine war.

Oil slips as recession fears balance tight supply

Traders worry about slowing demand

REUTERS
LONDON

Oil edged lower on Monday as fears of a global recession that would hit demand overshadowed concerns of tight supply amid lower OPEC output, unrest in Libya and sanctions on Russia.

Figures on Friday showed Euro zone inflation hit yet another record high in June, firming the case for rapid European Central Bank rate increases starting this month.

U.S. consumer sentiment hit a record low in June.

Brent crude fell 25 cents, or 0.2%, to $111.38 a barrel at 1015 GMT, after falling over $1 in early trade.

"The risk is tilted to the downside as traders are concerned about slowing oil demand due to a strong possibility of an economic recession taking place in the U.S. and in other parts of the world," said Naeem Aslam of Avatrade.

Brent came close this year to an all-time high of $147 a barrel reached in 2008 as Russia's invasion of Ukraine added to supply concerns.

Despite concern of a recession, tight supply is limiting losses.

'Oil can touch $380 if Russia cuts output'

REUTERS

Brent prices could soar to a 'stratospheric' $380 a barrel in 'the most extreme scenario' of Russia slashing oil production by 5 million barrels per day (bpd) in retaliation to a price cap being considered by the Group of Seven, analysts at J.P. Morgan wrote in a note.

"The most obvious and likely risk" is Russia not cooperating and retaliating by reducing exports of oil, it said, adding that Moscow can cut output by up to 5 million bpd "without excessively hurting its economic interest".

"Given the high level of stress in the market, in the worst-case scenario, a 5 million bpd cut could drive oil price to a stratospheric $380/bbl," J.P.Morgan said.

Centre said to take steps to tackle rupee volatility

'As oil prices rise, CAD will go up too'

REUTERS
NEW DELHI

India was trying to 'address volatility' in the Indian rupee that has tumbled to record lows against the dollar in recent weeks, a government official said on Monday, amid concerns of a widening trade deficit and sell-off of assets by foreign investors.

The rupee has plunged 6% against the dollar this year, weighed down by broad strength in the greenback and as investors retreated from the domestic share markets.

Meanwhile, India's trade gap touched a monthly record of $24.3 billion in May, hurt by higher commodity prices. "When oil prices are this high, obviously CAD (current account deficit) will go up," the official, who did not want to be named, told reporters. "Last several years, India has been bridging CAD with capital flows. This year there is headwinds on capital flows," the official added.

The rupee ended Monday at 78.95 to the dollar, close to a record low it touched last week.

HDFC Bank logs 21.5% loan growth in Q1

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HDFC Bank on Monday said the bank has registered a 21.5% rise in loans to ₹13,95,000 crore in the first quarter of this fiscal.

The credit book was ₹11,47,700 crore as of June 30 last year.

Advances grew by about 22.5% over June 30, 2021, HDFC Bank said in a filing.

Deposits aggregated to approximately ₹16,05,000 crore as of June 30, a growth of about 19.3% over ₹13,45,800 crore a year earlier. The bank purchased loans aggregating ₹9,533 crore via the direct assignment route under the home loan arrangement with parent Housing Development Finance Corporation Ltd., it added.

Air India deploys Amadeus tech solution

Bid to enhance customer experience

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

Amadeus IT Group SA, a travel technology company, said Tata Group's Air India (AI) has signed an agreement to deploy the best-in-class technology solutions to enhance customer experience and operational effectiveness as part of the carrier's revitalisation plan.

AI is implementing the full Amadeus Altéa PSS suite, including components such as revenue management, revenue accounting, retailing and merchandising, website, mobile and frequent flyer programme management, Amadeus said.

"The platform delivers a modern and efficient reservations solution to customers and travel partners. The advanced system will also equip Air India with technology that will enhance its operational efficiency," it added.

"In line with the vision laid out by the Tata Group Chairman N. Chandrasekeran to make Air India a world-class airline, we are adopting several cutting-edge technology solutions to transform Air India's customer experience," Nipun Aggarwal, Chief Commercial Officer, AI, said in a statement.

Tata firm secures NINL ownership

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NEW DELHI

The privatisation of Neelachal Ispat Nigam Ltd. (NINL) was completed on Monday, with its handover to Tata group firm TSLP, the Finance Ministry said.

NINL is the second successful privatisation by the current government. Incidentally, Air India – the first company on the privatisation list – too was bought by the Tata group.

Tata Steel Long Products (TSLP) had in January emerged as the winning bidder, putting in bids worth ₹12,100 crore for loss-making NINL, which is a joint venture of 4 CPSEs and two Odisha government PSUs. NINL's 1.1 mt a year capacity steel plant at Kalinganagar in Odisha was shut in March 2020 due to continued losses.

Akasa Air conducts first proving flight

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Rakesh Jhunjhunwala-promoted Akasa Air on Monday carried out its first proving flight for the DGCA to secure an air operator's permit.

The airline would have to demonstrate 10 hours of flying in total, and would therefore be required to conduct a few more proving flights. All the flights are expected to take place within this week, after which the AOC is likely in a couple of days.

Akasa Air plans to start flight operations in the last week of July with two planes. The airline also unveiled crew uniform, which includes orange jackets as well as sneakers for its cabin crew – a first for an airline in India.

'Smart washing machine demand has doubled'

Monsoon onset a trigger: Flipkart

MINI TEJASWI
BENGALURU

Some 40% of customers opted for affordable payment options, says Flipkart

The demand for washing machines with intelligent features doubled in the last six months compared with the year-earlier period, e-commerce firm Flipkart reported on Monday.

The trend had been visible in the last six months, but it gained momentum with the onset of monsoons, the company said.

Driving demand

While metros and tier-I cities were the initial adopters, it's the 'tier-3 and beyond' cities such as Godavari, Chittoor, Anantapur and Muzaffarpur which are now seeing increased customer demand for washing machines with intelligent features such as in-built water heater, steam, wi-fi and, zero pressure fill technology, as per Flipkart.

"Customers' preferences have greatly evolved over the past three years and they are looking at intelligent appliances that can help make lives easier," Hari Kumar G., VP, large appliances, Flipkart, said.

According to a market insight report released by Flipkart, some 40% of its customers have been opting for affordable payment options such as prexo (product exchange) and 'No Cost EMIs' to acquire intelligent appliances.

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Root, Bairstow put England on victory path

Their 150-run unbeaten stand, after a solid opening foundation, leaves team needing just 119 more

Taking charge: Root, in the company of Bairstow, dominated the Indian bowling attack in the chase of 378. • AFP

INDIA IN ENG

REUTERS
BIRMINGHAM

Joe Root and Jonny Bairstow took the attack to India as England closed in on a fourth successive winning run chase under the new Test leadership duo of captain Ben Stokes and coach Brendon McCullum.

England was 259 for three at stumps on the fourth day of the rescheduled fifth Test, needing just a further 119 runs to reach a target of 378 on Tuesday's last day at Edgbaston and end the five-match series 2-2.

Former captain Root was unbeaten on 76 while Bairstow was 72 not out.

The Yorkshire duo was involved in an unbroken 150-run stand after coming together at 109 for three, with England having lost three wickets in quick succession either side of tea.

Reviews lost

India lost two of its three reviews when Root was on 11 and 16, with left-arm spinner Ravindra Jadeja and pacer Mohammed Shami denied lbw verdicts.

Bairstow was reprieved on 14 when an edge off Mohammed Siraj burst through the hands of Hanuma Vihari stationed at second slip.

Root, driving stylishly, brought up his fifty in 71 balls. The in-form Bairstow took four more deliveries to reach the landmark before late-cutting Shami for four and pulling Siraj for six.

There have been only two successful fourth-innings chases above 200 in a Test at Edgbaston, with South Africa making 283 for five in 2008 and England 211 for three against New Zealand in 1999.

Openers Alex Lees and Zak Crawley, with a blizzard of boundaries, shared a century stand in 19.5 overs – the fastest in England Test history. But India captain Jasprit Bumrah bowled Crawley, shouldering arms, for 46 with an excellent off-cutter.

Ollie Pope was out for a duck to the first ball after tea, caught behind off Bumrah, to the raucous delight of the Indian supporters. England then suffered a self-inflicted blow when Lees was run out for 56 off just 65 balls.

Stokes takes four

Earlier, India was bowled out for 245 in the second innings, with half-centuries from Cheteshwar Pujara (66) and Rishabh Pant (57). Stokes mopped up the tail to finish with four wickets.

SCOREBOARD

INDIA — 1ST INNINGS
416 in 84.5 overs
ENGLAND — 1ST INNINGS
284 in 61.3 overs
INDIA — 2ND INNINGS
Shubman Gill c Crawley b Anderson 4 *(3b, 1x4)*, Cheteshwar Pujara c Lees b Broad 66 *(168b, 8x4)*, Hanuma Vihari c Bairstow b Broad 11 *(44b, 1x4)*, Virat Kohli c Root b Stokes 20 *(40b, 4x4)*, Rishabh Pant c Root b Leach 57 *(86b, 8x4)*, Shreyas Iyer c Anderson b Potts 19 *(26b, 3x4)*, Ravindra Jadeja b Stokes 23 *(58b, 1x4)*, Shardul Thakur c Crawley b Potts 4 *(26b)*, Mohammed Shami c Lees b Stokes 13 *(14b, 2x4)*, Jasprit Bumrah c Crawley b Stokes 7 *(20b, 1x6)*, Mohammed Siraj (not out) 2 *(9b)*; Extras (b-6, lb-7, w-3, nb-3): 19; Total (in 81.5 overs): 245.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-4 (Gill, 0.3 overs), 2-43 (Vihari, 16.3), 3-75 (Kohli, 29.5), 4-153 (Pujara, 52.3), 5-190 (Shreyas, 59.2), 6-198 (Pant, 62.2), 7-207 (Shardul, 69.1), 8-230 (Shami, 73.4), 9-236 (Jadeja, 79.2).

ENGLAND BOWLING
Anderson 19-5-46-1, Broad 16-1-58-2, Potts 17-3-50-2, Leach 12-1-28-1, Stokes 11.5-0-33-4, Root 6-1-17-0.

ENGLAND — 2ND INNINGS
Target 378
Alex Lees run out 56 *(65b, 8x4)*, Zak Crawley b Bumrah 46 *(76b, 7x4)*, Ollie Pope c Pant b Bumrah 0 (3b), Joe Root (batting) 76 *(112b, 9x4)*, Jonny Bairstow (batting) 72 *(87b, 8x4, 1x6)*; Extras (lb-7, w-1, nb-1): 9; Total (for three wkts. in 57 overs): 259.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-107 (Crawley, 21.4), 2-107 (Pope, 23.1), 3-109 (Lees, 24.1).

INDIA BOWLING
Bumrah 13-0-53-2, Shami 12-2-49-0, Jadeja 15-2-53-0, Siraj 10-0-64-0, Shardul 7-0-33-0.

England needs 119 more runs with seven wickets in hand.

Pant learning from mistakes under Dravid's influence

The dasher has evolved into a game-changer, match-winner

S. DINAKAR
CHENNAI

There was shock all around. Rishabh Pant walked back in anguish. Coach Rahul Dravid was aghast.

It was January this year. The second Test at the Wanderers was on the boil. A cameo from Pant could have swung the closely-fought Test, India's way.

Reckless

Kagiso Rabada, in the midst of a hostile spell, got one to climb nastily and struck Pant on the gloves. The next delivery, only the third he faced, saw Pant recklessly charging down the track, and managing only a fatal top-edge to a Rabada lifter.

Pant had been consumed by his 'closed' mindset in the Bull Ring.

The Indian camp was fuming. It was, arguably, the pivotal moment of the Test that the Proteas won against the odds.

After the match, Dravid spoke about shot-selection, the need to read situations and revealed he would have a dialogue with Pant. Whatever the conversation was, it worked magic! Dravid's message had travelled to Pant.

His second innings 100 not out on a spicy pitch at the picturesque Newlands, Cape Town, in the decider was all about solidity and quality. He disrupted the South African attack's line with his left-handed brilliance.

Innovator: Pant exudes poise and balance even when playing his trademark falling shots. • REUTERS

That hundred against that South African attack on that pitch should rank among the great knocks conjured up by Indian batters on foreign soil.

Pant had learnt from his mistakes. His hundred consumed only 139 deliveries but it was a knock where heavy blows, cuts, pulls, drives, whips, and sweeps, were sandwiched between sound defensive work.

The punishing Pant is a game-changer and a match-winner. He has poise and balance even if he innovates with his falling shots.

Pant's 89 not out of marauding strokeplay took India to a sensational Test series victory in the fourth innings at the 'Gabba, 2021.

He picks the length early and is ready with his response. Pant fires the ball through the gaps, smokes 'em for huge sixes, and is now more circumspect with his shot selection.

Watch closely and you will notice his footwork is organised.

Masterstroke

In a masterstroke, the Indian think tank sent Pant in at No. 5 in the ongoing Edgbaston Test. Given responsibility and with India at 71 for four, Pant, during his scintillating 146, crossed 2,000 runs in only his 31st Test with an average closing in on mid-40s.

Stunningly, four of his five centuries have come in South Africa, England and Australia. His 114 at the Oval in 2018, and 159 not out at Sydney, 2019, in a series-clinching knock, are nuggets that glitter bright.

An improving 'keeper, Pant is a natural. His mental attributes now complement his power game.

The conversation with Dravid certainly lent the sunshine lad a timely lift.

India seals ODI series with 10-wicket win

Bowlers, led by Renuka, set it up; Smriti, Shafali complete the annihilation

INDIA IN SL

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
PALLEKELE

India dominated from start to finish to hammer Sri Lanka by 10 wickets in the second One-Day International and claim an unassailable 2-0 in the three-match series here on Monday.

The Indian openers fired for the first time on the tour, sharing a partnership of 174 runs to see the visitors home in just 25.4 overs.

Best against Sri Lanka

The bowlers set it up for the tourists by dismissing Sri Lanka for 173, and after that, Smriti Mandhana's stroke-filled 94 off 83 balls and Shafali Verma's run-a-ball 71 paved the way for the convincing win.

The duo's partnership is India's best for any wicket against Sri Lanka.

India skipper Harmanpreet Kaur asked Sri Lanka to bat first on a surface favourable to bowlers.

At her best

The hosts soon found themselves in all sorts of trouble as pacer Renuka Singh was on point with her lengths from the word go. The 26-year-old reigned supreme with the ball, with a career-best four for 28

Even as wickets fell at regular intervals, lower-order batter Ama Kanchana held fort for with an unbeaten 47 off 83 balls. Seasoned off-spinner Deepti Sharma's two wickets off the last two balls helped India bowl out the Lankans.

SCOREBOARD

SRI LANKA
Hasini Perera b Renuka 0 *(4b)*, Vishmi Gunaratne b Renuka 3 *(14b)*, Chamari Athapaththu c Shafali b Meghna 27 *(45b, 3x4)*, Harshitha Samarawickrama lbw b Renuka 0 *(3b)*, Anushka Sanjeewani run out 25 *(44b, 2x4)*, Nilakshi de Silva c Deepti b Meghna 32 *(62b, 3x4)*, Kavisha Dilhari run out 5 *(7b, 1x4)*, Ama Kanchana (not out) 47 *(83b, 2x4)*, Oshadi Ranasinghe c Deepti b Renuka 10 *(19b)*, Inoka Ranaweera st. Yastika b Deepti 6 *(18b)*, Achini Kulasuriya c Harleen b Deepti 0 *(1b)*; Extras (b-2, lb-6, w-10): 18; Total (in 50 overs): 173.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-0 (Hasini, 0.4 overs), 2-7 (Vishmi, 4.4), 3-11 (Harshitha, 6.1), 4-42 (Chamari, 15.4), 5-70 (Anushka, 22.3), 6-81 (Kavisha, 24.2), 7-123 (Nilakshi, 38.1), 8-150 (Oshadi, 44.2), 9-173 (Inoka, 49.5).

INDIA BOWLING
Renuka 10-1-28-4, Meghna 10-0-43-2, Pooja 4-0-15-0, Rajeshwari 10-2-24-0, Deepti 10-0-30-2, Harleen 3-0-13-0, Harmanpreet 3-0-12-0.

INDIA
Shafali Verma (not out) 71 *(71b, 4x4, 1x6)*, Smriti Mandhana (not out) 94 *(83b, 11x4, 1x6)*; Extras (w-9): 9; Total (for no loss in 25.4 overs): 174.

SRI LANKA BOWLING
Achini 5-0-24-0, Oshadi 5-0-36-0, Ama 3.4-0-33-0, Inoka 6-0-42-0, Kavisha 3-0-18-0, Chamari 3-0-21-0.

Toss: India.
Player-of-the-Match: Renuka.

India won by 10 wickets with 24.2 overs to spare to lead three-match series 2-0.

Third ODI: July 7, Pallekele.

Striking it rich: Renuka came up with a career-best effort to lay the platform for the comprehensive win. • FILE PHOTO

'Gained much from playing alongside Jhulan'

Seamer Meghna also praises Renuka for her work ethic

P.K. AJITH KUMAR

How the young Indian pace attack would perform was one of the topics of interest ahead of the tour of Sri Lanka. By omitting the seasoned duo of Jhulan Goswami and Shikha Pandey, the selectors had put a lot of faith in the relatively inexperienced bowlers.

Those young bowlers have not disappointed. Renuka Singh and Meghna Singh were instrumental in restricting the host to 173 in the second ODI at Pallekele on Monday.

Renuka claimed four wickets and Meghna two. Shortly after their fine show helped India score a 10-wicket win in the second ODI, Meghna praised her younger colleague for her hard work. "She prepares well and puts into practice what we plan," she said.

She added that the young Indian attack had gained from the experience of playing alongside Jhulan. "We are carrying on with that experience," she said.

About the second ODI, Meghna said the bowlers had prepared for the slowness of the wicket. "The wicket today was slightly better than the one for the first match," she said. "We had planned for a bowling partnership and were able to do that."

Garin scripts an incredible comeback, progresses to the quarterfinals

Down two sets and 0-3 in the third, the Chilean turns the tables on de Minaur; Kyrgios outlasts Nakashima; Halep stuns fourth seed Badosa

AGENCIES
LONDON

Chile's Cristian Garin showed amazing tenacity to rally from two sets and 0-3 down and save two match points as he beat Australian Alex de Minaur in a five-set slugfest to reach his maiden Grand Slam quarterfinal on Monday.

Garin triumphed 2-6, 5-7, 7-6(3), 6-4, 7-6(10-6) after four hours and 34 minutes of superb tennis that earned a standing ovation from the packed No. 2 Court.

The two hit only a handful of first-serve winners, but had a crowd-pleasing sprinkling of classy drop shots and volleys among the relentlessly accurate groundstrokes and lung-busting chases.

De Minaur seemed to be cruising as he took the first two sets and led 3-0 in the third, but Garin showed great spirit to fight back via a tiebreak and set up a decider. Garin saved two match points at 4-5 to take the match to the first-to-10 final set tiebreak where he won 10-6. The Chilean will meet Nick Kyrgios, who reached his first Slam quarterfinal in seven years when he recovered from a slow start to outlast American Brandon Nakashima 4-6, 6-4, 7-6(2), 3-6, 6-2 on the Centre Court.

The Australian was on his best behaviour in front of the Royal Box as he ground out a gutsy win.

Until Monday, Wimbledon's 11th seed Taylor Fritz was not even the best tennis player in his own family. But, with some hefty swipes of a garish coral-coloured racket on Court One, the American finally earned his family stripes by reaching the quarterfinals of the grass-court Grand Slam.

His 6-3, 6-1, 6-4 win over qualifier Jason Kubler put him in the last eight and saw him match the Slam feat of his mother who, as Kathy May, reached three Major quarterfinals in the late 1970s.

Kazakh 17th seed Elena Rybakina hit twice as many winners as unseeded opponent Petra Martic of Croatia on Monday to progress to her maiden Wimbledon quarterfinal with a 7-5 6-3 victory.

On Sunday, top seed Novak Djokovic raised his level to put an end to the fairytale run of Dutch wildcard Tim van Rijthoven during a 6-2, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2 victory.

In the women's section, Kazakhstan's Elena Rybakina reached the quarterfinals for the first time with a 7-5, 6-3 win over Petra Martic of Croatia on Monday.

Amanda Anisimova ended Harmony Tan's surprising run and reached the quarterfinals at the All England Club for the first time. The American, a 6-2, 6-3 winner, will take on 2019 champion Simona Halep. The Romanian stunned fourth-seeded Spaniard Paula Badosa 6-1, 6-2 and extended her winning streak at The Championships to 11. Halep, who also won the French Open in 2018, is yet to drop a set in this year's tournament and consistently got the better of Badosa in baseline rallies. Badosa's loss meant that Ons Jabeur, the third seed, is the only top-10 player left in the women's draw.

Ajla Tomljanovic came from a set down to beat Alize Cornet and reach her second straight Wimbledon quarterfinal. The Australian won 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 to set up a meeting with Rybakina. She was in tears after a gruelling match that lasted two hours and 35 minutes. "I didn't really think I could do it," said Tomljanovic, who had lost to eventual champion Ashleigh Barty in the quarterfinals last year.

Contrasting routes: While Garin had to dig deep to advance, Halep eased past Badosa in straight sets to emerge as a strong contender for the title. • REUTERS

THE RESULTS

Fourth round: Men: Garin (Chi) bt 19-De Minaur (Aus) 2-6, 5-7, 7-6 (3), 6-4, 7-6(10-6); Kyrgios (Aus) bt Nakashima (USA) 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (2), 3-6, 6-2; 11-Fritz (USA) bt Kubler (Aus) 6-3, 6-1, 6-4.
Women: 17-Rybakina (Kaz) bt Martic (Cro) 7-5, 6-3; 16-Halep (Rou) bt 4-Badosa (Esp) 6-1, 6-2; 20-Anisimova (USA) bt Tan (Fra)6-2, 6-3; Tomljanovic (Aus) bt Cornet (Fra) 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.
On Sunday: 1-Djokovic (Srb) bt van Rijthoven (Ned) 6-2, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

All England Club appeals WTA fine

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WIMBLEDON

The All England Club is appealing a fine levied by the WTA women's professional tennis tour for banning Russian and Belarusian players from tournaments in Britain because of the war in Ukraine.

The Lawn Tennis Association – the British federation for the sport – also is expected to appeal a financial penalty imposed by the WTA after no players from Russia or Belarus were allowed to take part in grass-court tune-up events last month at Eastbourne, Nottingham and Birmingham.

The fines, totalling $1 million, were first reported by *The Daily Mail*. The newspaper said the LTA was docked $750,000, and the All England Club $250,000.

"It's the subject of a legal process, so I can't comment specifically on that," All England Club CEO Sally Bolton said.

Golden debuts for Gitika and Alfiya

BOXING

SPORTS BUREAU

World youth champions Gitika and Alfiya Pathan secured gold medals on their elite international debut at the Elorda Cup boxing tournament in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan, on Monday.

Gitika beat compatriot S. Kalaivani 4-1 in the women's 48kg final to emerge as the champion.

Alfiya upset 2016 World champion Lazzat Kungeibayeva of the home country 5-0 to take the +81kg crown.

Silver for Boro

Worlds bronze medallist Jamuna Boro (54kg) signed off with a silver medal.

LIVE TELECAST

England vs India: 5th Test, day 5, Sony Six (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 3 p.m.
Wimbledon: SS Select 1 & 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 3.30 p.m.
TNPL 2022: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 7 p.m.
Hockey: Women's World Cup: India vs China, Star Sports 3 & Hotstar, 8 p.m.

IN BRIEF

WI eases to victory in second T20I

ROSEAU (DOMINICA)

Half-centuries by man-of-the-match Rovman Powell and Brandon King highlighted a formidable West Indies batting effort on the way to a 35-run victory over Bangladesh in the second T20I on Sunday.

The scores: West Indies 193/5 in 20 overs (Brandon King 57, Nicholas Pooran 34, Rovman Powell 61 n.o.) bt Bangladesh 158/6 (Shakib Al Hasan 68 n.o., Alif Hossain 34). **MoM:** Powell; *West Indies won by 35 runs to lead three-match series 1-0*; **Third T20I:** July 7, Providence.

Poston is champion at PGA John Deere Classic

WASHINGTON

J.T. Poston became the first wire-to-wire winner at the John Deere Classic in 30 years on Sunday to capture his second career US PGA Tour title and book his British Open debut. The 29-year-old American fired a two-under 69 to finish on 21-under 263. AFP

WBBL: Harmanpreet returns to Renegades

MELBOURNE

India captain Harmapreet Kaur will return to Melbourne Renegades for a second season in the Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) during the eighth edition of the T20 tournament later this year. Harmanpreet was Renegades' leading run-scorer and wicket-taker last year. PTI

Ronaldo misses United training

LONDON

Cristiano Ronaldo missed training with Manchester United on Monday due to "family reasons", just days after he reportedly told the club he wanted to leave. United players who were away on international duty over the close-season were scheduled to meet up with the rest of the squad on Monday. AFP

India starts favourite

Looks to plug holes in the attack as it takes on China

Defensive shield: The Indian defenders, who produced a superlative performance against England, will hope to do the same against China. •FIH

HOCKEY WC

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AMSTELVEEN (NETHERLANDS)

With its defensive prowess on display in the 1-1 draw against Olympic bronze medallist England, India will look to plug holes in the attack and register its first win of the women's hockey World Cup against China here on Tuesday.

India produced a superlative defensive performance, spearheaded by skipper and goalkeeper Savita Punia, in the drawn game against England on Sunday.

The likes of vice-captain Deep Grace Ekka, Nikki Pradhan, Gurjit Kaur and Udita dished out an excellent show, denying England a single penalty corner. The only blemish was the ninth-minute goal India conceded when Isabella Petter neatly deflected in a pass from outside the 'D'.

Near-perfect effort

Barring that, it was a near-perfect effort from the Indian backline against England, which fielded almost the same set of players from the Great Britain side that featured in Tokyo Olympics.

Savita, as usual, was brilliant in the goal, making a couple of fine saves with quick reflexes.

However, India was found wanting in penalty corner conversion as it could score just once from the seven it got, with Vandana Katariya getting the equaliser from a rebound in the 28th minute.

India also created a lot of chances against England but the forwardline failed to utilise most of them.

India will look to address the attacking woes and beat world No. 13 China, which held New Zealand to a 2-2 draw on Sunday.

Chief coach Janneke Schopman will hope for a more clinical performance from forwards Vandana, Lalremsiami and Sharmila.

Complacency

Going by form and rankings, world No. 8 India will definitely start as the favourite but complacency is something the Savita-led side will look to avoid.

Aldrin fails to qualify for World meet

ATHLETICS

M.R. PRAVEEN CHANDRAN

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Long jumper Jeswin Aldrin fell short in his bid to make the Indian team for the World Athletics Championships here on Monday.

The Tamil Nadu athlete, who needed to jump at least 8.10m to qualify, could only jump 7.99m in the long jump selection trials held at the newly-laid synthetic track at the LNCPE Kariyavattom.

Struggling with run-up

Aldrin struggled with his run up and managed to hit the take off board only twice during his six attempts. Though he managed to cross 7.90m thrice, Aldrin couldn't reach anywhere near the qualifying mark.

A disappointed Aldrin later said he tried his best though he wasn't fully fit. "Obviously I am disappointed. I thought the conditions were perfect but I was not at my best physically as I had just recovered from a bout of fever. The four days of travelling took its toll as I felt very weak during the jumps," he said.

Earlier, Aishwarya Mishra clocked a modest 53.15 in the women's 400m selection trials while in the men's 400m, Arokiya Rajiv came up with a mediocre timing of 47.89s.

AFI to give another chance to Aldrin, Aishwarya and Arokia

STAN RAYAN

KOCHI

With long jumper Jeswin Aldrin and quartermilers Aishwarya Mishra and Arokia Rajiv not achieving the targets set by the Athletics Federation of India in the World Championships' trials held at Thiruvananthapuram's LNCPE on Monday, the National body has decided to conduct retrials in Patiala on Friday.

"They did not meet the standards. We have informed all the three that they can do one more trial on July 8 along with the junior World championship final trial," Adille Sumariwalla, the AFI president, told *The Hindu* on Monday.

Stars like quartermiler Priya H. Mohan will be attending the junior trials, to pick the Indian team for the under-20 Worlds (in Cali, Colombia, from Aug. 1-6), but it is not clear whether they will be competing with the three who would be hoping to attain the AFI's targets for the Worlds which begin in Oregon, USA, on July 15.

"I don't know the set-up of that trial," said Sumariwalla.

Dadra & Nagar Haveli triumphs

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GUWAHATI

Dadra & Nagar Haveli defeated Bihar by a solitary goal to emerge champion in the Hero Junior (U-17) Women's National Football Championship 2022-23 here on Monday.

Pooja was the difference between the two teams as she scored the winner in the 87th minute.

Sindhu, Prannoy lead Indian challenge

Consistent performer: Prannoy has made a mark every time he has taken the court this season. •AP

MALAYSIA MASTERS

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA

KUALA LUMPUR

P.V. Sindhu and H.S. Prannoy spearhead the Indian challenge at the Malaysia Masters Super 500 badminton tournament, starting here on Tuesday.

Sindhu and Prannoy lost in the quarterfinals of the Malaysia Open Super 750 last week and will look to make amends this week.

Good shows, but...

Sindhu has been consistently reaching the quarterfinals or semifinals of world tour events but has looked slightly vulnerable against top players like Thailand's Ratchanok Inthanon and Tai Tzu Ying of Chinese Taipei.

In the opening round, she will face Bing Jiao, who beat her at the Indonesia Open Super 1000 last month.

Prannoy, on the other hand, has made a mark every time he has taken the court this season. With a series of quarterfinal finishes since the Worlds last year, Prannoy has proved to be a tough competitor on the circuit, but a podium finish has eluded him.

B. Sai Praneeth will meet Kevin Cordon of Guatemala in the opening round, while Sameer Verma is pitted against fourth-seeded Taiwanese Chou Tien Chen.

In the women's draw, Saina Nehwal is pitted against Kim Ga Eun of Korea.

In doubles, Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand will meet Malaysia's Pearly Tan and Thinaah Muralitharan.

India needs more coaches: Sports Minister

P.K. AJITH KUMAR

KOZHIKODE

Union Sports Minister Anurag Singh Thakur believes India needs more coaches.

Speaking at a function by the SAI centre here to honour international athletes from the region on Monday, he said there was no shortage of athletes or stadia in the country, but a lot more coaches were needed.

"We are just creating stadium after stadium and indoor stadium after indoor stadium," Thakur said. "We have 5,000 swimming pools in this country, but do we have 50 coaches for swimming?"

He said he had a tough time getting the data from the States after assuming charge as the Sports Minister. "I had requested the States to send the list of the sports infrastructure and the availability of coaches, in each district," he said.

"That should have been a job of five minutes for any State, if they had actually been working on the promotion of sports at the ground level. It took me six to seven months to compile all the data from the States. Despite that, I didn't have the full data available in this country."

Arsenal ropes in Jesus on long-term contract

Manchester United agrees on deal for Eriksen, say reports

TRANSFERS

AGENCIES

LONDON / BARCELONA

Arsenal signed Manchester City forward Gabriel Jesus on a long-term contract on Monday.

The Brazil international makes the move in a reported £45 million ($54 million) deal. He scored 95 goals in 236 games over nearly six seasons at City and won the Premier League four times, League Cup three times and the FA Cup.

Jesus, 25, reunites with Arsenal manager Mikel Arteta, who was Pep Guardiola's assistant at City before taking over the Gunners.

Saviour? Arsenal will hope Jesus redeems its fortunes in the coming season. •TWITTER/ARSENAL

Manchester United has agreed a deal in principle to sign Denmark midfielder Christian Eriksen on a free transfer, according to reports on Monday.

United manager Erik ten Hag made the three-year contract offer to Eriksen after the Dane's impressive comeback with Brentford.

The 30-year-old is reported to have a verbal agreement with United and will officially complete his move to Old Trafford after a medical.

Dream move

England midfielder Kalvin Phillips completed a "dream" move to Premier League champion Manchester City in a £45 million ($53 million) transfer from Leeds on Monday.

City agreed an initial fee of £42 million for Phillips, with a further £3 million to be added in potential bonuses.

Kessie for Barcelona

Barcelona on Monday announced the signing of Ivory Coast midfielder Franck Kessie on a free transfer from Italian champion AC Milan.

Sigh of relief for sons of F1 champions

Sainz and Schumacher narrate their long waits for success

FORMULA ONE

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE

SILVERSTONE

Two sons of famous motorsport fathers breathed sighs of relief on Monday after ending long waits for success in an action-packed British Grand Prix.

Ferrari's Carlos Sainz, son of two-time world rally champion Carlos Sainz Sr, claimed his maiden Formula One victory in his 150th race, while Mick Schumacher, son of seven-time F1 champion Michael, finished eighth for Haas to score his first points.

"I think a first win is always a bit of a relief, I'm not going to lie," said Spaniard Sainz. "The same way that the pole position didn't feel like it, this win does feel a bit of a relief, because there you have it, you have a win in F1.

"And for sure, I'm going to keep fighting for more! I'm going to keep improving myself with this car and I'm going to try and make it happen."

"I never stopped believing that this win was going to come," he said. "Even if this year has been tough for me –and it hasn't been the easiest."

"For me, it is a relief to get the media attention away from me at last and feel free to concentrate on my racing and my driving again," said Schumacher who was given a thumbs-up from Max Verstappen at the finish.

As this unfolded, Schumacher's friend and mentor Sebastian Vettel was watching closely from his Aston Martin in ninth place. "I was actually screaming inside the car like 'Go Mick –go get him,'" said Vettel. "I'm very happy for him –I think it's been a long time that he deserves the result and it's great to get it."

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Pruthvi to meet Saneeth in final

Pruthvi Roy defeated Ayush Shetty 21-16, 21-16 in the men's semifinals of the Yonex Sunrise Karnataka State ranking badminton tournament here.

Other results: Semifinals: Men: Saneeth Dayanand bt Raghu Mariswamy 19-21, 21-18, 21-7.

Women: Drithi Yatheesh bt Jade Anil 21-9, 21-19; Rujula Ramu bt Prerana Shet 21-18, 21-13.

Kekhrie jumps to glory

Kekhrie Rio (astride Leonardo Van) won the 130cm Show Jumping event in the Equestrian Premier League at Embassy International Riding School. **The results (winners only, mount name in brackets):**

Success: Kekhrie who won the 130cm show jumping event. •SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Show jumping: 130cm: Kekhrie Rio (Leonardo Van); **120-125cm:** Barath Manoharan (Carlson); **115cm:** Harsha Daggubati (Delano); **110cm:** Thanush Gowda (Freezing Rain); **105cm:** Tanmay Wandre (Democratic); **100cm:** Geethika Tikkisetty (Hippie); **90cm:** Aadya Esha (Richness); **80cm:** Varun Shasthry (Ireland); **60cm Children:** Neil Kendall (Rusty).

Dressage: Open: Ananya Sajit Haridas (Red Indian); **Junior and Open:** Samanna Everaat (Sechs Richtige); **Children:** Aadya Esha (Paprika); **Novice:** E. Samanna (Sechs Richtige).

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